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## FORD UNDER FIRE

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford whistles as he walks to a meeting at city hall in Toronto. Two more members of Ford's staff resigned on Thursday, while a second arrest has been made in the March killing of a Toronto man believed to be seen with Ford in a photo linked to the crack video scandal. See page 6 for story. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# EPS cuts reality cop show after two episodes

**The Squad.** Show aimed to offer a 'gritty, hard-hitting look at policing in Edmonton'



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Edmonton police experimenting with their own brand of reality TV have quickly found out there's no love in showbiz.

After two episodes, EPS has aborted The Squad, a YouTube series shot, edited and produced in-house, which had a budget of approximately \$5,000 for narration and advertising. The series was supposed to give viewers an inside look at the service by showing out-of-control house parties, bloody assaults and knife-wielding assailants.

"Based on some of the feed-

back we have received, we have decided to refocus the vision of The Squad and cancel any further episodes," said Michael James, EPS digital media supervisor, in a written statement Thursday.

James said the decision to cancel the series was made May 17. The first episode of The Squad was released on April 19, and showed officers and a dog searching for a "screaming man" in Edmonton's river valley.

"Whether it's responding to shots fired, stopping a drunk driver, or tackling a knife-wielding assailant, Squad Seven is ready for any challenge," stated EPS promotional material about the project.

At the series' media launch, staff said they planned to launch a new episode of The Squad every Friday for 15 weeks, and insisted the series was not meant to exploit

people for entertainment.

The Criminal Trial Lawyers Association objected to The Squad, and believes the videos "treated serious issues cavalierly," showed police in an unfavourable light and were invasive of people's privacy, said the group's president D'Arcy Depoe.

"My thoughts would be that (EPS) realized that they were wrong," Depoe said of the series' quiet cancellation. "Maybe they should be reaching out to the community in a personal way rather than using these kinds of videos."

James said staff are examining how to refocus the vision of the series to bring stories about policing in Edmonton to the public. "Because it's an ongoing process, it's not yet determined if the footage we have will be used in future projects or what new footage we'll need to shoot," he stated.

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## Edmonton. Taxi drivers want meter increase

The cost of catching a cab could be on the rise, as the city is looking at a request from drivers to increase Edmonton's taxi rates.

A letter sent Thursday from the United Cabbies Association of Edmonton to the mayor, city councillors and chief livery officer Garry Dziwenka requests a 10 per cent increase.

"There has been no increase since 2008," said association president Balraj Manhas. "Gas prices have gone up, other costs have been going up too. And compared with other cities, we are (near) the bottom."

Figures provided by Manhas has Edmonton ranked seventh behind Mississauga, Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa, Windsor and Calgary.

Dziwenka said while not all of those cities are comparable, "that seems like a fair estimate."

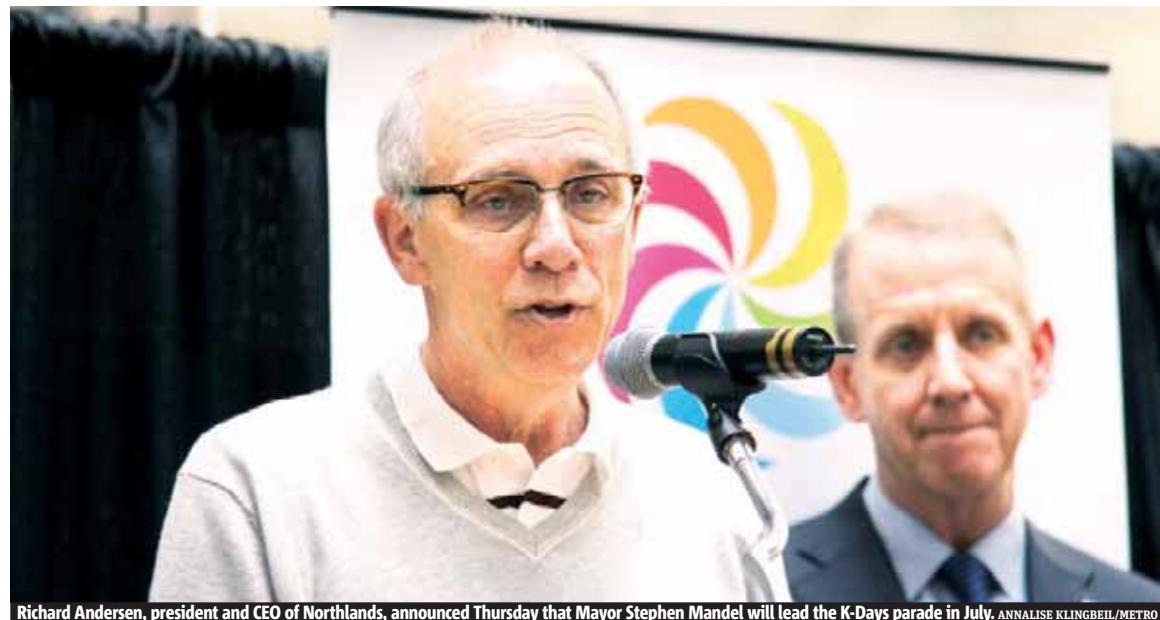
"With today's gas prices and all, it does warrant looking at," he added.

Edmonton taxis currently charge a \$3.60 flat rate, then \$1.48 for every kilometre. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, there is an additional \$3 surcharge between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Dziwenka said the city will look into the matter a bit more before potentially deciding to conduct stakeholder consultation with both drivers and brokers.

"We would also do some public consultations," he said. "Because the other piece of this puzzle, of course, is the public that pay the fares."

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO



# Mandel to lead K-Days parade

**Rebranded.** Annual summer fair takes place July 19 to 28

It has a new name, a new music stage and a well-known parade marshal.

On Thursday, the president and CEO of Northlands kicked off K-Days 2013 at City Centre Mall by announcing that Mayor Stephen Mandel will lead the festival's annual parade.

Richard Andersen also said a bigger and better headliner stage will host several major acts at this year's newly branded K-Days.

"We have clearly embraced

everything that K stands for," said Andersen, adding that over the next several weeks more additions to the festival will be announced.

Mandel congratulated Northlands on the new name and said he was honoured to be chosen to lead the parade, which will be held on the first day of the fair.

"I want to applaud Northlands for understanding that the name they had before wasn't that popular ... and getting the people of Edmonton and the Capital Region to discuss what change could be," he said.

The festival's new name can be credited to Chad Willsey, who has attended

the Northlands summer fair, which was known as Klondike Days then renamed Edmonton's Capital Ex, for decades.

Yet, Willsey always called the event K-Days.

When Northlands asked Edmontonians to rename the festival, Willsey submitted K-Days. Thousands of people voted and Willsey's submission was ultimately chosen as the event's new moniker.

"I thought, 'Let's just put the name K-Days and see what happens,'" Willsey said on Thursday.

Willsey said he is looking forward to attending the fair this summer with his six-year-old son, and enjoying the army exhibits, lemonade

### Musical acts

• Country artists Chad Brownlee and Dallas Smith will entertain crowds at the festival's new Koodonation Stage on July 21.

• Pop group Down with Webster will perform on the same stage on July 22.

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Transportation investigators are continuing to piece together clues in connection with a helicopter crash north of Fort McMurray that killed two people and injured another. RCMP HANDOUT

## Mom of crash victim had worried about daughter's risky job

**Chopper crash.**  
Pilot, biologist dead after crash, another recovering in hospital

Kristina Norstrom grew up as a tough tomboy who rode horses on her family's rural property in southern Alberta before she became a government biologist and flew across vast northern forests to study wildlife.

She loved working with animals but didn't often talk about her job with her family. Still, her mother, Linda Nor-

strom, worried about her oldest child being in the air.

"My husband wouldn't tell me either when she had to go up, because I didn't want to know," she said Thursday through tears. "Any time that they have to look for animals in the helicopter means there's danger."

Norstrom, 39, died Wednesday when the chopper she was in crashed in the Birch Mountain area northwest of Fort McMurray. The pilot, Bryce Campbell of Golden, B.C., was also killed.

Norstrom had worked for the province for several years and was stationed in Athabasca.

### Remembering her daughter

**"She always put everybody else first, including her job."**

Linda Norstrom, mother of crash victim Kristina Norstrom

Fellow provincial biologist, Simon Slater, survived the crash and is recovering in hospital.

Investigators were still looking into the cause of the crash but indicated weather conditions at the time appear to have been good.

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## Crime and disorder. Police increase summer presence in Mill Woods

After cutting down on robberies, theft and loitering last summer, a special police project in the Mill Woods Town Centre area is being re-launched.

Chief Gary Kipling of the North Peace Tribal Police Service says the boy was brought to the Fox Lake nursing station Wednesday afternoon.

Kipling says the baby was unresponsive, so officers were called in, but the child had died by the time they arrived. Foul play is not suspected.

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police presence in the Mill Woods Town Centre area.

Officers will also have office space within the Mill Woods Transit Centre.

The Neighbourhood Empowerment Team will be supporting the project by providing a youth worker to build relationships with local teenagers.

The project, which is called "Making a difference in your community," was implemented last year.

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## Doctors vote. 94% in favour of seven-year contract with province

Alberta's rank-and-file doctors signed off on a seven-year contract with the province Thursday, wrapping up years of sometimes bitter negotiations.

"I was always hopeful that this day would arrive," said Health Minister Fred Horne.

"It's a great day for Alberta physicians, but it's a great day for our health system as well."

The Alberta Medical Association announced that almost 94 per cent of its members who voted accepted the deal with the province. Voter turnout was 38 per cent, which the medical association said is typical.

In an open letter to doctors, association president Michael Giuffre said "solidarity and support carried the day and allowed the AMA to find a way forward to conclude these lengthy and challenging negotiations."

Doctors don't get a pay increase for the first three years



Fred Horne METRO FILE

of the contract. But the agreement is retroactive to April 2011, when the last contract expired, so the first two years of the pay freeze are already over.

The deal includes a one-time, lump-sum payment totaling \$68 million to address financial challenges for doctors maintaining their own practices.

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## Minimum wage goes up. But it's still the lowest in the country

Alberta's minimum wage is increasing by two dimes at the end of August and will remain the lowest in the country.

Effective Sept. 1, the 29,300 workers on the lowest end of the pay scale will earn \$9.95 an hour.

The liquor server wage will remain unchanged at \$9.05 an hour.

Government figures show Nunavut's minimum wage is the highest in Canada at \$11 an hour.

Minimum wage workers in Ontario and British Columbia

### Starting point

**"After taxes, Alberta's minimum wage is the second-highest amongst Canadian provinces and provides a good starting point for entering the workforce."**

Human Services Minister Dave Hancock, in a statement

make \$10.25 an hour, while minimum wage in Saskatchewan is \$10. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Canada-wide warrant.

Hanad Mohamed, 23, arrested on a charge of first-degree murder

Police say a second arrest has been made in the killing of a Toronto man believed to be seen with Mayor Rob Ford in a photo linked to the ongoing crack-video scandal.

Police say a 23-year-old man was arrested Friday in Fort McMurray, Alta., in connection with the death of

Anthony Smith.

An image of Ford with his arm around a man believed to be Smith has been widely circulated, along with reports that drug dealers were trying to sell an alleged video that appears to show the mayor smoking crack cocaine.

A U.S.-based website that reported news of the alleged video said an editor had been shown the photo by the video tipster as evidence of his claims.

Toronto police say a Canada-wide warrant had

been issued for the arrest of Hanad Mohamed on a charge of first-degree murder and he was taken into custody with the assistance of the RCMP.

Police say Mohamed is being returned to Toronto and will appear in court Friday.

He is the second man charged with first-degree murder in the killing. Nisar Hashimi, 23, was arrested in April in connection with the death of Smith.

When asked about the photo on his weekly radio show Sunday, Ford said he

### Takes lots of pictures

- When asked about the photo on his weekly radio show Sunday, Ford said he takes pictures with many people and doesn't know them all.

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After completing her master's in urban geography at the University of Edinburgh, designer Carmen Douville returned to Edmonton this year more committed than ever to making it a better home.

While catching up with artist friends Chelsea Boos and Erin Ross, Douville remembers them waxing hopefully on Edmonton. "I was talking about how I wanted to make the city grow even more," says Douville.

She never thought the outcome would be so loyal to the source inspiration, as they're making a garden park out of a forgotten overpass at 97 St. and 104 Ave.

After this weekend, and until the end of the growing

season, the Living Bridge will see edible foods and native plants where once there were CN rails but today is mostly gravel and garbage.

"Nobody will own one of these garden beds," says Douville. "We just want a space for all people to enjoy."

The idea is inspired by Manhattan's High Line, a defunct freight train rail that the City of New York turned into a public park, as well as Park(ing) Day, a San Francisco-bred event in September wherein citizens around the world take over parking metres and turn stalls into temporary parks and art installations.

The latter is probably a better example, because neither Boos, Ross or Douville are getting help from the city on this one. Instead they've gathered the \$15,000 necessary for the project from the Stollery Charitable Foundation, Edmonton

Community Foundation and others. The land was offered by owners Qualico without charge.

The Living Bridge is part of two global phenomena, urban agriculture, as seen by the many community gardens cropping up, and urban intervention, a reclamation of spaces by ordinary citizens, like Park(ing) Day. Tired of feeling helpless to change the makeup of their cities, artists like Douville and her partners feel empowered.

Most incredibly they did it in less than two months from that fateful conversation about making the city grow.

Let me repeat that for you: They thought up a public initiative, formed a plan, gathered funds and, as of Sunday afternoon, will have beautified the city in the same time it takes some of your neighbours to mow their lawns.

Douville, making it sound both easy and convincing, adds, "The citizen can change the city landscape."

The artists know that the newish Epcor tower and coming Royal Alberta Museum and performing arts centre are raising the forgotten land's profile, so they don't expect the Living Bridge to last forever. Though, Douville says she'd love to see it become a promenade to these future developments.

In the meantime, she's simply happy to see it blossom, however temporary it is. "We just want to make the city beautiful."

And you can be part of the "we."

They're looking for volunteers to help clean, plot and plant starting Saturday morning. Visit [livingbridgeedmonton.com](http://livingbridgeedmonton.com) and email to confirm your availability, and you too can change the landscape.

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When Kyle Davidson first started taking public transit, his Asperger's Syndrome and people's reactions could make it difficult.

"People wouldn't understand and would get impatient with me," said Davidson. "I had a lot of people yell at me."

Davidson, 22, is now working with the Centre for Autism Services Alberta on a program designed to help teenagers and young adults better use public transit.

The Let's Ride Program will run for both independent riders and people who need support over the summer.

Kara Straub, an occupa-



Anna Au and her son Andy McConnell stand outside a charter bus that is being used as part of new program to help teens and young adults with autism to navigate Edmonton Transit. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

tional therapist who works with the centre, said the new program is going to help autistic teens and young adults by walking them through the process.

Part of the program is also use of a charter bus from Edmonton Transit, which Straub said helps people get comfortable with the bus gradually.

"We actually then have

opportunities to eliminate some of the primary distractions that could be super overwhelming for people," she said.

Anna Au hopes after her son Andy takes the program he will develop some of the tools he needs to get around.

"Basically it will help him ride ETS and be more semi-independent that way," she said.

### Injecting aid

#### Province to cover insulin pumps

Fulfilling a campaign promise, the Alberta government announced Thursday that it will now provide coverage for insulin pumps.

The province pledged that Albertans with Type 1 diabetes can now receive coverage for their pumps and other diabetic supplies. Insulin pumps are small portable devices that replace daily injections and instead give users insulin through a small tube inserted under the skin.

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### Unusual instruction

#### Investigation may be in store for CDI college

The province is being called on to investigate an Alberta college after nursing students claimed they were given colouring books in place of learning materials, and encouraged to watch Netflix and hold wheelchair races during class time. The students from CDI College's Edmonton South Campus went forward with their claims earlier this month.

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Bikeology, a.k.a. 'the festival by cyclists for cyclists' is on each June, filling the entire month with bike-related events. And while Bikeology Festival Day is on June 15 in Churchill Square, there are many other activities going on. For a full list, visit [bikeology.ca](http://bikeology.ca).

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## Mill Woods Bike Festival

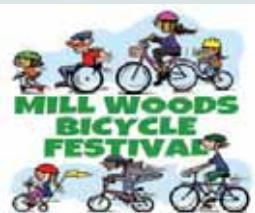
Saturday, June 1, 1-4 p.m.

Mill Woods Park (along 28 Avenue, east of the rec centre)

The month-long Bikeology Festival kicks off Saturday with free activities for all ages and abilities in southeast Edmonton.

The afternoon will include info and maps on city bike routes, bike safety checks and tune-ups, live

pedal-powered music and blended smoothies, a stunt zone, face painting, a bike "Try-It" library, and more. There will also be prizes available for those who arrive on bike.



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## Bikeology: Bikewriter Nights

Sundays (June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30), 7-9 p.m.

Mike's Bikes, 8927D 82 Ave.

Do you love your bike as much as Mike does? Come share that.

Every Sunday night in June, Mike's Bikes will host a creative-writing session about adoration of lovely two-wheeled rides. If you want, head out on a ride with Mike and the gang prior to settling in at the store to wax lyrical. Bring your friends, pens and stories!

# 5 ways to celebrate Edmonton's cycling culture

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BikeWorks South, 10047 80 Ave.

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The Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' Society will welcome you at 1 p.m., 6 p.m. or midnight — as the shop will be open and volunteers on hand to help fix up bikes. Shop time is by donation. (And treats and hot drinks are welcome around the 4 a.m. mark.)



## Curated Bicycle Tours of The Works

Saturdays (June 22, 29), 2-4 p.m.

Location TBA

Take a tour via bike of The Works Art & Design Festival, running June 21 to July 3.

On both Saturdays the festival is running, resident artist BettyJo McCayville will take interested folk on a curated ride to various and sundry Works installations. The festival is known for cutting-edge design, digital art and new-media technology alongside traditional visual-art mediums in galleries transformed from alternative spaces throughout downtown Edmonton.



## Bikeology Ride In Movie



Saturday, June 22, 8 p.m.  
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David Koepp and released in August 2012, is shown on the big screen — powered by bicycles.

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has lost a total of five staff members since the scandal broke. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Facing even more allegations and loss of staff, Ford still 'doing fine'

**Status d'oh.** T.O. mayor keeps cool despite new reports he said he knew where alleged video was

ployee I should say, that obviously is upset that's thrown these false accusations out."

Ford had already parted ways with three key staff members — his chief of staff and two press aides — since the scandal erupted two weeks ago.

In a similar pattern to when former chief of staff Mark Towhey was walked out of city hall, another aide, policy adviser Brian Johnston, left under escort on Thursday.

Johnston told reporters in the basement garage he had resigned because "the timing was right."

Ford's executive assistant, Kia Nejatian, also left the mayor's office that day, although the circumstances were not immediately clear.

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### Provincial response

### Premier looks at options

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne is concerned about the turmoil in Toronto, but said "there is no clear path of action for the province" to intervene.

"As a citizen and as the premier of the province, I'm concerned that things are not as they should be at city hall, and it's hard to imagine that it could be business as usual," she told reporters.

While some sort of provincial takeover of the mayor's office is impossible, she indicated that changes could loom in the legislation overseeing the city.

"The municipal level of government is the creature of the province at some high level, and so there are ... some changes that can be made to legislation," she said.

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### Nothing to see

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# Could you tell if Ford is fibbing?

## A lesson in deception.

Expert describes how one might try to crack Toronto's crack scandal

 **JESSICA SMITH**  
Metro in Toronto

Human beings make poor lie detectors — our gut feelings lead us astray, and we tend to rely on false stereotypes about shifty-eyed liars.

"Most people perform around the level of chance accuracy on a lie-detection task — the same accuracy as would be expected simply by flipping a coin," said Leanne ten Brinke, a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley, in an email interview.

Ten Brinke studies deception. In her doctoral thesis at University of British Columbia Okanagan, she tested our ability to detect high-stakes lies — specifically, televised pleas for the safe return of a missing

loved one, comparing genuine pleas to those of people later found to have killed the missing person.



**Toronto Mayor Rob Ford**  
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The genuine pleaders expressed sincere sadness on their faces and gave relatively long pleas, she said.

The liars had difficulty appearing genuinely sad; instead their faces showed subtle smiles and surprise.

"Because many of the muscles in our face are not under strong voluntary control, they could not bring their eyebrows upward and together, as occurs in genuine sadness. Instead their eyebrows only came upward — making them appear surprised," ten Brinke said.

Her best advice is to throw away stereotypes about liars — especially that they will look shifty or look in a certain direction when lying.

Instead, observers should look for inconsistencies in verbal, facial and body language behaviours and look for "leakages" of genuine emotion.

Asked about finding the truth in the ongoing Rob Ford crack video scandal, ten Brinke said her research can be a great tool for investigative reporters.

"If you notice some suspicious behaviour, you probably want to question the person further about that topic — they could be hiding something that you might be able to reveal."

## Lethbridge

### Three women charged in brawl at children's hockey game

Police in southern Alberta have charged three women after a fight at a children's hockey game earlier this year.

A police news release says officers were called to the Adams Ice Arena in Lethbridge in February about a disturbance involving several spectators.

A verbal exchange about obscene language being used around the youngsters led to one woman punching another, pulling her hair out and throwing her to the ground.

A third woman then kicked the victim.

Thirty-four-year-old Tania Lenni Day Chief, 54-year-old Theda Day Chief — both of Standoff, Alta. — and Tamara Margaret Day Chief, 24, of Glenwood, Alta., each face one count of assault.

They are to appear in court on June 19.

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### Partners signing for mining

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera visits Parliament Hill on Thursday. During his stay, Chile and Canada signed a renewed partnership framework that included "a strong commitment to responsible resource development" and the exchange of expertise, "including research and development to reduce the environmental footprint of mining." Canadian mining operations abroad continue to attract opposition, particularly over environmental concerns. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## China. Miracle boy rescued from sewer pipe released to grandparents

The mother of a Chinese baby boy who was rescued from a sewer pipe beneath a restroom shortly after birth is unlikely to face criminal charges because authorities concluded he fell into the toilet accidentally, local officials and media reports said Thursday.

The baby was released from a hospital to his maternal grandparents late Wednesday, while his mother, 22, remains under medical care. The infant was rescued from

### An accident, say police

The mother raised the alarm about the baby when he got stuck Saturday in a pipe below a toilet in a restroom. But she had cleared away signs of a birth and did not immediately come forward as the mother.

a pipe underneath a squat toilet in Zhejiang province.

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The baby rescued after being trapped in a sewage pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Tunisian Femen activist fined; more charges pending



Protesters at the courthouse in Kairouan, Tunisia. NAWFEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Amina Sboui.** Activist went into hiding due to death threats; now she's accused of writing 'Femen' on a cemetery wall

A court convicted the Tunisian member of the Ukrainian feminist group Femen Tuesday for carrying an "incendiary object" and fined her \$182.

She remains in custody pending more serious charges.

### Supportive dad

**"I am proud of my daughter, who has honoured the rights of women."** Mounir Sboui, Amina's father, who made the comment in an interview and was in court to support her.

Amina Sboui, who posted topless photos of herself online as part of a women's rights protest, attempted to carry out a new protest on May 19 in the religious centre of Kairouan. She was arrested and charged with carrying a canister of pepper spray.

Prosecutors on Thursday, however, said they are considering bringing more serious charges against her, including desecrating a cemetery and offending public decency, according to defence lawyer Mokhtar Jannene.

Sboui will appear in court again June 5.

Outside the court, about 200 protesters, including many religious conservatives, chanted slogans against Sboui, accusing her of attacking the city and insulting Islam. They also shouted insults at the defence lawyers and accused them of "sullying" the image of the city, a centre for religious pilgrimage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Baird urges political solution to Syria violence

Reports of a Russian arms shipment to the Syrian regime and the rejection of peace talks by opposition groups raised fears Thursday that international efforts to bring an end to the civil war in Syria are at risk.

A political solution is the only way to end the violence, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and his German counterpart stressed Thursday after bilateral talks in Ottawa.

Both men expressed concern over reports that Syrian

President Bashar Assad received Russian anti-aircraft missiles.

"Syria has received the first shipment of Russian anti-aircraft S-300 rockets," Assad was quoted as saying, adding: "All our agreements with Russia will be implemented and parts of them have already been implemented."

Baird called the reports regrettable, if true, while German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle characterized the development as unappreciated.

The U.S. and Russia were to meet this week in Geneva to hash out a plan to get both sides together for peace talks, but the Syrian National Coalition, a major opposition group, suggested that for now there's no place for talks.

"The talk about the international conference and a political solution to the situation in Syria has no meaning in light of the massacres that are taking place," a spokesman for the Syrian National Coalition,

### Arms race

The concern with the influx of weapons isn't just about them making into the wrong hands, but also the start of an arms race between opposition groups and the Assad government.

Khalid Saleh, told reporters in Istanbul. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Harper mum on dealing with scandal

**Ottawa.** PM has failed to address questions about how he directed staff to deal with expense issue last fall

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is steadfastly refusing to acknowledge any question about his leadership during the months last winter when an expense scandal involving three of his Conservative Senate appointees was in the public eye.

Harper has spent the past three days insisting that he first learned that his chief of staff had helped pay off Sen. Mike Duffy's \$90,000 in improper expense claims only after the public was told by CTV in mid-May.

But he has failed to address questions about how he instructed his staff to handle the expense revelations after they first aired late last fall.

Neither Harper nor his NDP and Liberal counterparts were in question period Thursday, so it fell to Heritage Minister James Moore to bear the brunt of the opposition onslaught.

"Duffy keeps the \$90,000 while the Receiver General gets \$90,000 from an illicit deal that was so wrong it cost Mr. Wright his job," said Liberal MP Ralph Goodale.

"Will the government repudiate the dirty money and instead garnishee Duffy's wages and seize his



**Prime Minister Stephen Harper**  
**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

assets so he pays for his wrongdoing, not some dealmaker in the PMO?"

Harper faced more than 40 direct questions on the affair in the House of Commons this week but has not provided any information on who in his office was asked to handle the scandal, what instructions they were given, or why his chief of staff took it upon himself to give \$90,000 to a senator accused of improper housing expense claims.

Duffy stopped co-operating with an independent audit of his expenses once the \$90,000 was paid back. Conservatives in the Senate cited that repayment in declaring the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit.

Duffy and Sen. Pamela Wallin are no longer part of the Conservative caucus, along with Sen. Patrick Brazeau, another Harper appointee accused of improper expense claims.

Sen. Mac Harb has left the Liberal caucus while fighting what he says are unfair accusations that he too abused his Senate housing allowance. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Biological information

**Supreme Court won't hear woman's appeal to ID sperm donor**

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear an appeal from a woman who wanted to know the identity of her sperm-donor father.

Olivia Pratten sought to take her case to the high court after the British Columbia Court of Appeal threw out an earlier decision that sided with her.

She argued that offspring like herself should have access to information about their biological past, as is the case with people who are adopted.

The appeal court said she has no constitutional right to information about her biological father.

The court said providing such information would amount to state intrusion into the lives of many people.

As usual in such decisions, the Supreme Court gave no reasons for refusing to hear the appeal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Trip to Mars comes with radiation risks

**Long voyage.** Readings by U.S. rover find astronauts would face a raised cancer risk if they went to the red planet

Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with as much cosmic

radiation as they'd get from a full-body CT scan about once a week for a year, researchers reported Thursday.

That dose is enough to raise their cancer risk by about 3 per cent, but experts caution that there are many uncertainties about the space environment's effects on the body.

As plans for deep space exploration ramp up, radiation is a big concern — from high-

## Quoted

**"You want to get there as quickly as possible (to reduce radiation exposure.)"**

Don Hassler, scientist in charge of the radiation instrument aboard Curiosity

energy galactic cosmic rays spewed by distant supernova explosions to sporadic bursts

of charged particles hurled by the sun. Earth's magnetic field helps to deflect much of that harmful radiation.

The U.S. space agency, NASA, aims to send a crew to orbit the red planet by the mid-2030s. Private outfits like Inspiration Mars — backed by NASA engineer-turned-space tourist Dennis Tito — are seeking volunteers for a Mars flight.

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Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with cosmic radiation, researchers say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/NASA/FILE

## Regina

### Man sets condo on fire trying to dry roof via blowtorch

A Regina man who was trying to dry out his roof with a blowtorch instead set his condo on fire.

Fire officials say the man was trying to clear water from his eavestrough and decided to speed up the process.

Investigators have confirmed the blowtorch was the cause of the fire. GLOBAL REGINA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Greece

### Lawmaker's gun accidentally fires at airport check-in

A Greek extreme far-right lawmaker who wanted to travel with his licensed handgun on a domestic flight drew unwanted attention after the firearm accidentally went off during check-in procedures Thursday. Police said nobody was hurt in the incident in a secluded area of Athens International Airport.

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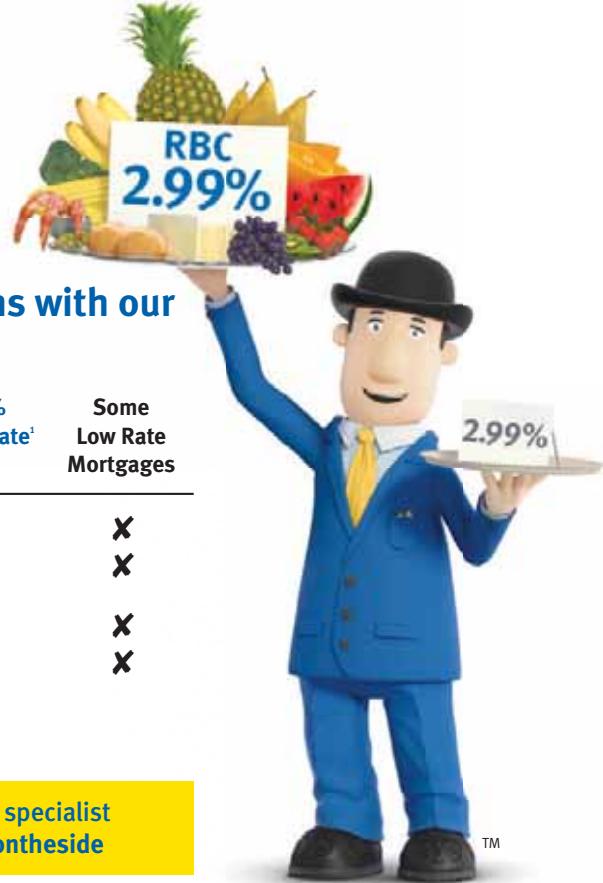
## Power and politics

A man lifts weights during lunch hour on Parliament Hill, Thursday. Canada's capital reached 28 C Thursday, and was expected to top 30 C on Friday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Dragged alongside car. iPhone robbery leaves Toronto actor battered

A Toronto actor faced a case of life imitating art Tuesday when he was the victim of a violent cellphone theft.

Jeff Hanson, who is currently in a play about random violent attacks, was walking home from a performance when a car pulled up. The driver asked to borrow his iPhone, and immediately after Hanson leaned into the window and handed him his phone, the man stepped on the gas.

"I had a fight-or-flight reaction," recalled Hanson, who grabbed onto the inside of the car as the man sped off.

As the car travelled south on Bathurst, the driver swerved around a vehicle and into oncoming traffic, Hanson said. After about a block and a half, Hanson said the driver began speeding towards a parked car.

"I knew if I didn't let go, he was going to pin me between (the parked car and his vehicle) and that could have been really bad," said Hanson. "So I let go and started rolling."

Hanson, 29, is recovering



Jeff Hanson in hospital after Tuesday's incident. COURTESY JUNE MITTLER

in hospital with a mild concussion and deep bruises and cuts to his face and chest. Despite complications caused by blood between his skull and brain, he's expected to make a full recovery.

"I realize I was lucky. Everyone who saw the accident and has spoken to me here . . . is surprised that I'm doing as well as I am."

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# Ikea monkey's 'mom' in court to get him back

**Darwin.** Abuse allegations dropped as Toronto lawyer describes unusual bond with 'son'

A primate sanctuary is no longer alleging that the Ikea monkey was abused by the woman who calls herself his "mom," who wept in court Thursday as she described her bond with her "son."

Yasmin Nakhuda took her monkey, Darwin, everywhere, she testified. Nakhuda, a Toronto real-estate lawyer, took him

**Quoted**

**"Having Darwin... was like the chance to experience motherhood again... I treated him like my son."**

Yasmin Nakhuda, Darwin's owner

to work, the gym, shopping, to a wedding, and brought him in the shower with her.

She took him to an Ikea in December, locked his crate and the car and told him she would be right back. But Darwin escaped and ran around the parking lot. Toronto Animal Services scooped him up and sent him to Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary in Sunderland, Ont.

Nakhuda sued the sanctuary to get Darwin back, alleging she was tricked into surrendering the monkey. The case is not a custody battle — rather, Nakhuda is suing for recovery of property.

She has gone to court twice to get Darwin back. At one hearing the sanctuary alleged she had abused the monkey, by "strangling" him and hitting him with a wooden spoon.

At the outset of the trial Thursday, Kevin Toyne, the lawyer for the sanctuary, said it was withdrawing those allegations in the interest of keeping the trial short. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Boston bombing. Mother of remaining suspect says son is now walking

The remaining suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings has recovered enough to walk and assured his parents in a phone conversation that he and his slain brother were innocent, their mother told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the father of a Chechen immigrant killed in Florida while being interrogated by the FBI about his ties to the slain brother maintained that the U.S. agents killed his son "execution-style."

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, walked without a wheelchair to speak to his mother last week for the first and only phone conversation they have had since he has been in custody, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva said from her home in Makhachkala, Russia.

In a rare glimpse at Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's state of mind, he told her he was getting better and that he had a very good doctor, but was struggling to understand what happened, she said.

### Defending their sons

- The Tsarnaevs' parents have held fast to their belief that their sons were framed. Zubeidat Tsarnaeva, dressed all in black and still visibly distressed, showed AP several YouTube videos on an iPad she claimed cleared her sons. They could not be authenticated by the AP.

"He didn't hold back his emotions either, as if he were screaming to the whole world: 'What is this? What's happening?'" she said.

The April 15 bombings killed three people and wounded more than 260.

The elder brother, 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was killed in a shootout with police, and Dzhokhar remains in a prison hospital after being badly wounded.

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## Taking aim. Letter to Obama similar to other threatening letters

A suspicious letter mailed to the White House was similar to two threatening, poison-laced letters on the gun-control debate sent to New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, one of the most potent advocates of stricter gun laws in the U.S., officials said Thursday.

The Secret Service said the letter was addressed to U.S. President Barack Obama and was intercepted by a White

House mail-screening facility. Two similar letters postmarked in Louisiana and sent to Bloomberg in New York and his gun-control group in Washington contained traces of the deadly poison ricin.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the letter sent to Obama contained ricin. It was turned over to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force for testing and investigation.

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A suspicious letter mailed to U.S. President Barack Obama was similar to two poison-laced letters sent to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, officials said. MANDEL NGAN/GETTY IMAGES

### Truxton, N.Y.

## Seven killed in New York crash

A minivan carrying two families was hit by a runaway trailer hauling crushed cars in upstate New York, killing four young children and three adults in their early 20s, authorities said Thursday.

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### England

## Soldier stabbing suspect appears in London court

A prime suspect in the vicious slaying of British soldier Drummer Lee Rigby sat handcuffed in a London court Thursday, given permission not to stand up before a judge because of wounds sustained when he was shot by police.

Michael Adebowale, 22, confirmed his name, address and date of birth as the investigation into the shocking killing entered its courtroom phase.

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### U.S.-Saudi Arabia

## Man gets 25 years in plot to kill ambassador

A man who admitted that he plotted to kill Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States by bombing a Washington restaurant was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison.

Mansoor Arbabsiar, a U.S. citizen who was born in Iran, pleaded guilty in October to two conspiracy charges and a murder-for-hire count.

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### 'Safe countries'

## Canada makes changes to asylum system

Chile and South Korea have been added to a list of so-called "safe countries" in an effort to streamline refugee applications.

Canada considers those countries unlikely to produce actual refugees.

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## Brussels. EU hopes to abolish roaming charges across bloc by next year

A top European Union official says mobile phone network operators should be forced to end charging customers for data roaming when travelling across the 27-nation bloc.

European Commission Vice-President Neelie Kroes told the European Parliament on Thursday the roaming fees should cease to exist by next year.

The Commission, the bloc's executive arm, has

already cracked down on roaming charges for international cellphone calls.

It has also mandated lower maximum ceilings for data roaming costs, but bills for using the Internet on mobile devices when travelling in Europe still rise quickly.

Kroes said abolishing data roaming fees will be another step to accomplishing the bloc's single market, saving citizens and companies money. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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**Executive pay.** A list of the highest-paid bankers on the continent includes heads of 6 Canuck banks

Canadian bankers were among some of the highest-paid banking executives in North America last year, with three in the Top 10, according to a new list compiled by Bloomberg Markets magazine.

In all, six Canadian bank CEOs were in the Top 20, led by the Royal Bank of Canada's Gordon Nixon, who came in at No. 4. Nixon's total pay package was \$12.6 million US in 2012 according to the listings, up 25 per cent from the year before, when he was in eighth place.

Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh was bumped down one spot to seventh place, with \$11.1 million US,

### Most overpaid

- The Bloomberg Markets magazine rankings also put RBC's Gordon Nixon, Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh and TD Bank's Ed Clark among some of the most overpaid CEOs when comparing compensation to a bank's average assets, stock performance and return on equity.



**This man has 12.6 million reasons a year to smile: Gordon Nixon, CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, came in at No. 4 on Bloomberg Markets magazine's list of the highest-paid bankers in North America.** THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

of Commerce, took home \$9.3 million US, nearly eight per cent less than the year before.

That was still good for 11th place, but down from ninth in 2011.

The Bank of Montreal's William Dowe — No. 12 — took in \$9.2 million US, seven per cent less than in 2011, when he ranked No. 10 on the list.

Gerald McCaughey, CEO of the Canadian Imperial Bank

National Bank of Canada chief Louis Vachon rounded up the Canadian bankers on the list at No. 17 with \$7.2 million US. That was 1.4 per cent less than he made in 2011, when he held the 14th spot.

The rankings are being published in the magazine's July 2013 issue.

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amid growing concerns about obesity.

Thompson said he lost the weight by getting active again. He noted that Europeans walk a lot and it's rare to see Europeans who are "very, very heavy."

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**McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, shown in 2010, says he's lost 20 pounds in the last year by working out — but he still eats at McDonald's daily.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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# IS FORD BUILT TO LAST MUCH LONGER?

It's that time again, when we arm you with the week's top stories and send you out, bristling with informed confidence, to the water cooler.

## 1 Rob Ford? Wasn't he the mayor of Toronto?

He still is, maggot. But for how long? The rats are fleeing for the emergency exits — five personal staffers have bailed and the week's not over. Who's next? His barber? Meanwhile, the mayor keeps doing his bizarre tribute to the Black Knight from *Monty Python* and the Holy Grail, denying there's a video out there featuring him getting Ford-faced on crack. It's just a flesh wound!

## 2 Moses' got nothing on this kid:

Alone and afraid, a woman in China gave birth to a baby boy on the toilet. Apparently, baby slipped down the drain and the new mom called the Chinese equivalent of 911.



THE METRO LIST

**Paul Sullivan**

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Miraculously the infant was rescued from the sewer pipe. From where he's starting, everything going forward is good news.

## 3 We're number three!

The OECD (don't bother looking it up) has determined that Canada is the third happiest nation on earth. Number two is Sweden, which is always in our face, and number one is Australia. Throw another shrimp on the barbie! Criteria include work-life balance, income, housing, and something called the Mick Jagger Factor, or "satisfaction" for short. Canada gets the happiness bronze medal instead of the gold; after all, Rob Ford is still the mayor of Toronto. Just wait until next year, maggot.

## 4 The rich get richer:

Sure it's a cliché, but boy it's true. According to the World Bank, the world's richest eight per cent snag 50 per cent of the world's income. Here's one reason the Democratic Re-

public of the Congo did not place in the top 15 of the world's happiest nations: its annual income is \$231. Compare that to Monaco, where it's \$171,465. If I were trying to make ends meet in the Congo, this news would not make me happy.

## 5 Attack of the Killer Beaver:

Here in the world's third happiest country, the beaver is a symbol of cheerful industry and diligence, not to mention the nation's founding fur. In Belarus, the beaver is just another nasty rodent. Some guy tried to have his picture taken with one, which bit him, severing an artery in his leg. The poor guy bled out. Now Belarus is trying to figure out what to do about an increasing population of increasingly aggressive beavers. There are 80,000 beavers in Belarus. Who knew?

## 6 Speaking of Beavers:

Another iconic Canadian rodent was in the news this week, this time for racing around the 'hood in his hot car, scaring the neighbours and fuelling the paparazzi. Call in the Bieber control officers. This kid is out of control.

## ZOOM

# Monk's best friend



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## The Tiger Temple: Where monastery meets sanctuary

Under the cool shade of a tree, a Buddhist monk affectionately embraces a tiger. Elsewhere at the Tiger Temple in Kanchanaburi, Thailand, a young tiger was spotted happily playing

around in a pool of water with a fascinating new toy. There are some 100 tigers at the temple which live alongside monks. Founded in 1994, the animal reserve is based at a Buddhist temple. The first cub arrived in 1999 after her mother was killed by poachers nearby.

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## Critics: An illegal breeding facility

The attraction is a controversial one, as animal rights groups claim it is an illegal breeding facility and that the tigers are not cared for properly. However, a three-day investigation by ABC News did not find any evidence of poor conditions. METRO

## Quoted

**"If you think they rescue abused tigers, or that the tigers will be released into the wild, they won't be."**

Philip Mansbridge, CEO of animal welfare charity Care for the Wild

amples, follow this character who spends the day RTing miscellaneous musings from tweeters, creating new words from their tossed off thoughts.

**@dataisplural:** Puns tend to be a love or hate thing. If you hate them, you're wrong. If you love them, congratulations on your excellent taste and don't waste another second before following this champion of groan-inducement.

## Comments

### RE: More Staff Leave Mayor Rob Ford's office, published May 30

Re staff leaving...this doesn't make sense; when considering that fish rot from the head. So doesn't the solution goes without saying? **Lloyd A.** posted to metronews.ca

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Synopsis

In Will Smith's new sci-fi movie *After Earth* he stars as Cypher Raige, a general in the intergalactic peacekeeping organization Ranger Corps. After he is injured in a crash landing on Earth, a planet uninhabited for 1,000 years, his son (Jaden Smith) must navigate the unfamiliar landscape and battle new life forms to signal for help. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the highlights of Will Smith's career and how he left his throne as the prince of Bel-Air to become one of the world's biggest movie stars.



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**After Earth.** As Smith and son's new film opens this weekend, the Reel Guys reflect on the actor's journey from Fresh Prince to king of Hollywood

**Richard:** Mark, The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air proved that Will Smith has a flair for broad comedy, so it's surprising that over the years he's played so few funny roles. He's always charming and his films usually have the odd laugh, but rarely has he played it strictly for laughs. In 1993 the safe move for Smith would have been to make a

comedy, instead he chose to play a con-man in the serious, talky *Six Degrees of Separation*. It's a heavyweight role, and he's really good in it. What's your favourite Will Smith role?

**Mark:** Will Smith must be the most likeable Hollywood star this side of Tom Hanks. I wish I could say I like all his movies, but I can't. I really like his more serious roles. My favourite? *The Pursuit of Happyness*. His character, based on a true story, is a man caught in desperate financial circumstances, who raises a young boy while homeless. The movie is ultimately uplifting as he becomes a successful stockbroker, but it's a harrowing journey, and

Smith plays it to perfection.

**RC:** In 2008 he played two creatures that don't exist in real life, an alien with an anger management problem and an IRS tax collector with a conscience. *Hancock* has a dash of *Men in Black*'s wonky humour, a glimpse of his action hero of *Independence Day*, and a taste of *Enemy of the State*'s troubled paranoiac. Best of all there is absolutely nothing in there that echoes *Wild Wild West*. In *Seven Pounds* he's a taxman crushed by the weight of his emotions, a walking zombie who has given up on life. And he's terrific in both movies.

**MB:** *Hancock* didn't quite work for me, but *Enemy of*

*the State* sure did. But I'm such a troubled paranoiac myself I might have liked anybody in the role. Smith is great in *Seven Pounds*, a weird picture by any standards. But if it's Will Smith as hero you're looking for, he's commanding in all 157 minutes of *Ali*. And he's suave and debonair in *Hitch*.

**RC:** We can't forget *Men in Black*. The sequels have been (profitable) disappointments, but Smith's Agent J is always fun.

**MB:** Now that I think of it, if Will Smith is in a movie I don't like, it's the movie I don't like, not Smith. And that includes — shudder — *The Legend of Bagger Vance*.

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## Drama

**Kon Tiki**

**Directors.** Joachim Rønning, Espen Sandberg

**Stars.** Pal Sverre Hagen, Tobias Santelmann

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Kon Tiki is a movie to be seen on the big-screen. Beautifully-shot, this epic drama (and Norway's most successful film in 2012) is an inspirational, absorbing survival tale about an explorer's trek across the ocean on a balsa wood raft. An Oscar-nominee for best Foreign Language Film (even though it's primarily in English), the film may amplify the true-life adventure for filmgoers but as far as cinema goes, Kon Tiki is a ship worth sailing. **STEVE GOW**

## Drama

**Now You See Me**

**Director.** Louis Leterrier

**Stars.** Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson

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There's nothing quite like a good heist movie, and if you can throw in a bit of sleight-of-hand, all the better. As a film, Now You See Me seems to know it's not supposed to be much more than a good time, and there's nothing wrong with that. Whoever pulled this ensemble together is the real star here. The Four Horsemen (Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Isla Fisher and Dave Franco) take what could've been bad CW drama-level characters and make them imminently watchable. **NED EHRBAR**

## Sci-fi/Action

**After Earth**

**Directors.** M. Night Shyamalan

**Stars.** Jaden Smith, Will Smith

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After his last few attempts (including 2010's The Last Airbender), expectations for M. Night Shyamalan's films couldn't be lower and After Earth likely won't help matters. A vehicle to re-team Will Smith and his son Jaden, this futuristic thriller crashes the pair on a deserted Earth where they must survive ferociously evolved creatures and seek rescue. While Shyamalan fills the film with plenty of eye-catching effects, wooden dialogue and a shortage on soul keeps its audience at arm's length. **STEVE GOW**



Foley artist Tchae Measroch's studio is packed with a bizarre collection of items he uses to create sounds ranging from a zombie peeling its face off to a musket gun cocking. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Have no ear – the foley artist is here!

## Subtleties of sound.

Tchae Measroch makes a living making noise — he creates the sounds that pepper popular video games

On any given day Tchae Measroch could find himself crawling around on all fours, splashing about in a bathtub or tapping on a bear skull, all in the name of his art.

Such is the life of a foley artist — someone who reproduces everyday sounds for film, video games and TV, with the profession named after Jack Donovan Foley, who pioneered the craft in 1920s Hollywood.

The 37-year-old Montrealer toils in a small, dimly lit studio that looks more like a disorganized storage space containing many props, some of which closely resemble curbside junk.

This is where he cranks out sound effects for video games.

There aren't many people like him. While Canada closes in on the status of being the world's second-biggest video-game producer, with more than 16,000 employees, there are only a handful of full-time foley artists.

Relying on his imagination, the Ubisoft employee improvises sounds based on what he sees on-screen while working on games like Assassin's Creed

4. He might remove the skin from a banana to mimic a zombie peeling the skin off its face. He's used an old door knob and latch in order to replicate the sound of a centuries-old musket gun cocking.

In this line of work, as it turns out, there might be unusual uses for a medical tool whose regular intended purpose is probing body cavities.

"It happened once that I couldn't find a pair of police handcuffs in my stuff," he recalls. "So, from my 'Hospital Items Box' I grabbed a speculum to sound the cuffs."

Sound effects are almost always last in the creative process.

That gives Measroch and others like him precious little time to probe their imagination and grab the closest available object to produce the appropriate sound.

Axes, bottles, boots, chains, old tires, swords — they're never far from reach.

His tool kit involves anything he can use to replicate a sound. He might find such

objects at home or in the most unlikely of places, such as garbage cans.

And there's plenty of trial and error.

While trying to simulate the sound of someone being clubbed over the head, for instance, Measroch quickly realized his bear skull wouldn't produce the desired effect.

In the end, a coconut did the trick.

Another time he discovered that his water-filled tub could provide the ambient sound for a character drowning or falling overboard.

Life as a foley artist has had its challenges.

"It's like being the stuntman of sound," he says.

Measroch recalls injuring himself while working on a movie. He'd put his hands through glass while trying to emulate the sound of a woman, held captive in a cabin, banging on the window.

"Sometimes it's a tough job," he says, "and you've got to be ready to get your hands dirty."

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## What it takes to be a foley

Starting out at age 20, Measroch worked alongside a veteran foley artist on B movies, assisting him for three years before venturing out as a freelancer and picking up film work. Measroch eventually left the

movie business and ventured into gaming, lured by the offer of greater creative challenges and recognition. More recently Measroch has been holed up in a studio creating sounds at Ubisoft's Montreal branch.

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# Takei talks passing the Sulu torch to John Cho

**Star Trek.** Iconic actor recalls soothing Cho's fears about boarding the USS Enterprise

Portraying USS Enterprise helmsman Hikaru Sulu in the latest Star Trek movie comes with big shoes to fill, but the

man who played the part in the TV series and six films has given his blessing to the actor currently playing the role.

Even though George Takei — whose portrayal of Sulu made him a science fiction legend — said he had not yet had time to catch recently released Star Trek Into Darkness due to his busy schedule, he feels John Cho is the "ideal

**Beware the Trekkies**  
**"He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans"**

George Takei on meeting John Cho

choice" to carry on Sulu's legacy due to the actor's "charm, intelligence, dash and sharpness."

"When (director) J.J. Abrams first announced he had cast Hikaru Sulu, I got a call from John (Cho) asking to have lunch with me," Takei said Friday in Singapore, where he attended the inaugural Social Star Awards. "He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans and doing comic conventions, but he was more concerned about how the fans

would accept him because they have identified the character of Sulu with me for so long and he was worried about how he would be received."

"So I told him that it wouldn't be too long before I'll be known as the guy who played John Cho's part, and he was comforted by that," Takei said with a laugh.

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John Cho. HANDOUT

## Wooing Julianne Moore

"While Julianne Moore is a married woman with two kids, she's just a human being. It's not like I can't connect to her in any kind of way. So it was never awkward because of that."

"It was just treated with the same kind sensitivity and casuality as any other kind of thing."

Actor Michael Angarano about his new romantic comedy The English Teacher. The 25-year-old takes on the role of a university graduate who woos his former high school teacher (Julianne Moore) as they attempt to mount his play.

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Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman love indie films, especially when they get to work together. GETTY IMAGES

## To prep for The East, Ellen Page moved west

### Eco-activism.

Actress spent time on a settlement that practised 'freeganism' to learn more about her eco footprint

RICHARD CROUSE  
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At age 20 Ellen Page became a star playing Juno in the film of the same name. She was nom-

inated for an Academy Award and would go on to make movies like *Whip It* and *Inception*, but first she took some time off.

"I studied permaculture, design and eco village development at a place called Lost Valley in Oregon with a lot of people who had the same philosophy — strictly freegan," she says.

Freeganism, or the practice of salvaging discarded food, was just one of the things that fascinated Page during her month-long stay at the settlement. The experience taught

her to live more simply and to really think about her relationship with the planet. Her time there also prepared her for *The East*, a new eco-thriller co-starring Alexander Skarsgård and Britt Marling.

"On top of it being an incredibly beautifully written piece of work, there were so many ideas that I was very excited about and thinking about," she says.

In the film she plays Izzy, a member of a shadowy group of eco-activists called The East — think a more hands-on version of real-life group Anonymous

— who live by an anarchist eco code.

"We were able to talk about the experience I had and relate what that does to you as a person when you've been raised with this narrative given to us by the system that exists."

"Then you go experience something that completely flips everything on its head," she says.

"That is a wild ride to go on. Then to walk back out into the world and society, you see things differently."



Ellen Page stars opposite Alexander Skarsgård in *The East*. HANDOUT

# They're one very funny duo

**Perfect package.**  
Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman love working together — it means less time apart

MATTHEW PRIGGE  
Metro World News in New York

The dominant power couple in the world shifts at the whim of a fickle populace. Right now, for some, the greatest — or just most wonderful — duo is Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally. Married since 2003, the two have seen a shift in their careers: Once Mullally was the one with the hit show (*Will and Grace*). Now it's him, as burly libertarian carnivore Ron Swanson on *Parks and Recreation* — although Mullally has guest appearances as his ex-wife, Tammy. In fact, they tend to work together on the same projects; that way, they don't have to spend any time apart. In *The Kings of Summer*, Offerman plays the widowed father of a teenager who runs away from home to live in the woods with his bros. Mullally plays the mother of one of his friends, which affords them only a few scenes together.

**You've both been doing a lot of smaller films, often together. What's the appeal of these projects?**

**Mullally:** I think we both love doing indie movies. It's kind of the equivalent of the 99-seat play. You have the feeling that you have more creative leeway and you can make it be the way you want it to be. When everyone is on a level playing field and nobody is getting paid, I think everyone pitches in equally and has the same kind of desire to create something good.

**Offerman:** We choose material, first and foremost, based on scripts that we think are very good. Scripts that don't go through the corporate regime are going to end up better because they'll retain somebody with a beautiful artistic vision and/or a great sense of humour. That will come through in an independent script much more so than a studio project. Those can't help but be homogenized by the standards and practices, the Coca-Cola's.

**How did you get involved in *Kings of Summer*?**

**Offerman:** They were looking for sort of a gruff guy who could also tell a joke and Russell Crowe wasn't available. Chris Colletta's

### Offerman on Kings

The going technique is to go with a really great script and get a really great cast. You have to shoot your scenes as written because you need all the story points. Chris Colletta's script was wonderful and there was no need to embellish it. You happen to have some of the greatest improvisers in the nation of America. You take the script and shoot the scenes and then you say "Let's f— around," and you end up with a handful of gold nuggets that you'd be crazy not to use.

script was poignant, beautiful and heartfelt, but also had a terrific sense of humour. It often happens with Megan and I: One of us gets a job on something and the producers will say, "Can we get your spouse interested in this?" If one of us loves the script, the other is happy to jump on board, too. It also affords us the opportunity instead of spending two weeks apart while out in Cleveland, we're there together and having fun working on it together. There are a lot of perks to it.

### Quality over quantity

**"We choose material, first and foremost, based on scripts that we think are very good."**

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Canadian producer Bob Ezrin, centre, poses for a photo with 2Cellos members Luka Sulic, left, and Stjepan Hauser in Toronto on May 23. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# There's nothing boring about AC/DC, Rihanna and a cello or two

**Music.** Legendary producer Bob Ezrin had 2Cellos on his radar since watching YouTube video

The first time Canadian producer Bob Ezrin saw 2Cellos perform, the conditions weren't exactly optimal for the Croatian duo.

They were opening for Elton John in Orlando, with 16,500 people on hand who — Ezrin notes — had virtually no interest in watching 2Cellos. They weren't so much inhospitable as indifferent.

"The show starts with Elton on this big screen and his disembodied voice and he says: 'There's two young musicians that I'd like to introduce you to. They come from Croatia,'" Ezrin recalled.

"And when he said the word 'Croatia,' you could hear the whole audience go: 'Zzzz,'" he added, laughingly mimicking the crowd's collective snoring. "And then they hear Cellos and everyone's on their BlackBerrys. They had tuned out. 'Ladies and gentlemen, the 2Cellos!' I think four hands applauded."

But Ezrin listened, and soon, so did everyone else. "They come out on stage, they plug in and ... it's loud, it's powerful, and it's rocking.

So from the first note, they got everyone's attention."

And Ezrin's, more so than anyone else's.

He already had 2Cellos on his radar since watching a YouTube video of the classically trained duo — the jocular Stjepan Hauser and his more stoic partner, Luka Sulic — using their cellos for a rousing, powerful cover of Michael Jackson's nimble classic "Smooth Criminal," a clip that has now been viewed nearly 8.5 million times.

Not long after taking in their performance with John, Ezrin was driving from Nashville to Evansville, Ind., to meet the pair at a "fleabag motel" and start mapping out the track list for their major-label debut In2ition. Released earlier this year, the album includes an impressive array of guests — including John himself on Oh, Well, virtuoso guitarist Steve Vai on a cover of AC/DC's Highway to Hell, Glee star Naya Rivera belting out Muse's Supermassive Black Hole and star Chinese pianist Lang Lang on Coldplay's Clocks.

In addition to those songs, 2Cellos also interpret Rihanna's neon-hued dance smash We Found Love, the Police's brooding classic Every Breath You Take and the Prodigy's frenetic Voodoo People.

So what did the legendary Toronto producer behind such

### Cello partner!

Hauser has been playing cello since he was eight, Sulic since he was five. They met at age 14 at a summer-music camp in Europe.

• "Straight away we found a chemistry," Sulic said. "I said: 'Oh, look at that lunatic. I want to play with him.'"

• They were widely considered to be rivals, given that they were two phenomenal young cellists from the same small country. But they always considered themselves "great friends."

smashes as Pink Floyd's The Wall, Kiss's Destroyer and Alice Cooper's School's Out see in the pair? For one thing, that they had the ability to illustrate the immense possibilities of an instrument typically associated exclusively with classical music.

"They're playing everything — they go from hip hop to high classical, so to be able to share that with kids is great because it shows them that music is a very broad thing and it also in a very kind of unconscious way shows them that they can express themselves in a very broad way." THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Montreal's DJ Champion returns to music after recovering from cancer

**A Champion.** Maxime Morin releases 1, a journey through the recent years of his life

When Montreal's DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer three years ago, he felt strangely confident he could fight it. The outlook for his career, however, appeared terminal.

"I gave up on music," said the 43-year-old musician, born Maxime Morin, from his home recently.

"It was very important for me at that time to get better, to just say: 'OK, I'm done with music. As of now, I do not consider myself a musician anymore. I do not consider myself anything. Just a human being trying to stay alive.'

"We're talking about life — my own life," he added. "Don't (mess) with it. So stop pretending to be someone, and just be alive."

He succeeded there, and as the threat of cancer dissipated, Morin re-engaged with music — resulting in last Tuesday's release of the expressive, elegant 1.

But it's easy to understand why this orchestral feat once seemed an impossible dream.

When Morin was diagnosed with Stage 3 lymph-



DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer but he was convinced it wasn't his time to die — yet. PAUL CHIASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

oma in spring 2010, his doctor believed he had only about two or three months to live.

But she didn't share that dire prognosis with the Quebec turntable maestro.

"They don't tell you that when you're about to die," he said with a hearty laugh, showcasing the gallows humour that appears to have become second nature.

"If you have a good doctor, they won't tell you. My doctor didn't tell me that. Because the first time I saw her, she was very subtle, very calm."

Morin was to have eight treatments and begin medication. And he was going to

survive.

"She told me with her conviction ... she was going to heal me, and save me," he recalled. "That's it, that's all. No questions asked."

"I was convinced that it wasn't my time," he added. "Yes, I was going to die, but not that day, not that year, not right now. I was convinced of that."

He was right, which he'd find out about six months later. Morin was given a clean bill of health.

Asked how he feels now, he responds with characteristic wit.

"I'm a used car," he says. "But I'm OK."

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## The album

- 1 certainly is new, a marked departure from DJ Champion's previous work — which was often characterized by the inspired alchemy of such seemingly disparate genres as grunge, electronic, soul and dance.
- On his latest work, Champion is uncommonly focused, creating an ornately orchestrated journey through the harrowing but ultimately triumphant recent years of his life. He's still incorporating giddy bits from every corner of his record collection — with guitars and electro baubles gleaming above the surface — but the album's ever-present strings bind the mix to a symphonic sonic framework.
- Champion said the album is meant to represent him, warts and all. "I wanted to be transparent," he said. "This is who I am. This is what I am. That's why no blues songs or blues-grunge songs are there. I wanted to show I can't sing. I'm a bad singer. That's who I am."

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# Rob Zombie more alive than ever with new horror movie, album release, novel

**Interview.** 48-year-old Zombie talks about his music, movies, and whether he'll ever bring his sound and vision to the Broadway stage

It's becoming harder and harder to define Rob Zombie.

The theatrical rocker who began his career with the '80s shock-rock band White Zombie has reinvented himself as a contemporary horror film master with new classics like House of 1000 Corpses and the recently released, The Lords of Salem. And when the latter became the victim of budgetary constraints, Zombie turned to the written word for a more elaborate account of his witches' tale in a novel version of The Lords of Salem released in March.

Zombie then turned his attention back to music with his fifth studio album, Venomous Rat Regeneration Vendor. Released last month, he plans to support the record with a summer tour of the states, and an appearance at the Rock in Rio Festival in Brazil.

Zombie will switch gears again as he tackles mainstream fare with The Broad Street Bullies, a movie that covers the aggressive nature of the Philadelphia Flyers and their assault on the NHL culminating with back-to-back Stanley Cup wins in the 1970's. Zombie will write, produce, and direct the film.

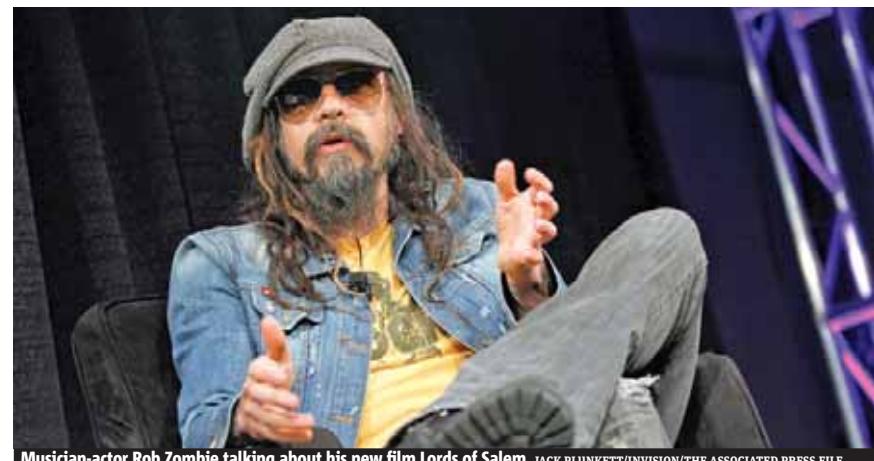
**How hard was it to transition from producing a movie to**

**recording an album?**  
The record was done at that point but what I did was I finished Lords of Salem, I finished editing this movie in a barn, stripped the editing bay out, and moved the recording studio in. Went right into recording the record and just stayed away from California where we normally would record. We were out in the sticks.

Stayed there for a couple months and this is the record we made and much like Lords of Salem in a sense, even though the projects aren't connected, I feel they both have the same free spirit of, like, not worrying about you know, 'Oh, is this what anybody expects? Is this what anybody wants?' I always feel when you think that way that's usually when you do the best stuff because ...you're not concerned.

**Your movies and music have a lot of fans here, but it seems you're appreciated more**

**overseas. Any idea why?**  
I read this quote from Woody Allen and he was referring to the way Euro-



Musician-actor Rob Zombie talking about his new film *Lords of Salem*. JACK PLUNKETT/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

peans have embraced cinema compared to Americans where in America you're only as good as your last thing is the way that they'll look at you, whereas in Europe you're only as good as your best thing. So, if the best thing you did was 20 years ago they'll still treat you like that's where you're at. It seems like that's just a different thought process. Americans are more like, 'What's new? What's the next thing?'

## known as more than a horror director?

This reporter called me up one time and said: "These new horror directors, we're going to call them the 'splat pack,' we want to talk to you about that." I said I don't want to have anything to do with it. I didn't get into directing to be part of some club with a weird name you made up.

**There's apparently much more to you than meets the eye. Music, horror movies, now a sports history flick. Do you have any plans to do a Broadway musical?**

At one point I started making a few moves to get it going. I really thought my first film, House of 1000 Corpses, could work as a Broadway musical because it has those elements of ridiculousness that could translate to the stage of somewhere between Hairspray and Rocky Horror Picture Show. I look at Broadway the way I do Las Vegas and I used to go to Las Vegas and it always said Sammy Davis Jr. on the marquee and now it says Motley Crue. Just like you come to Broadway and you used to always see Annie Get Your Gun and now it says Spider-Man. It's like the crowds just change and I feel like soon, maybe in 10 years or 20 years, there will be a group of people that now are bringing their kids to Broadway like 'Oh, House of 1000 Corpses musical. Let's go see that.'

# A photo's worth a thousand words, Photograph is worth a little more

Never-before-seen photos of the Beatles by Ringo Starr will be included in his new book, titled *Photograph*.

An e-book will be published June 12 in conjunction with the upcoming

Grammy Museum exhibit, Ringo: Peace & Love, in Los Angeles. Genesis Publications and Starr announced Wednesday.

Select images from the book, which also includes unpublished images from

his personal archive, will be displayed at the exhibit.

A limited-edition hand-bound book signed by Starr will be available in December.

Starr's photographs and stories "portray four

lads from Liverpool, trying to live normal lives amidst the frenzy that surrounded them," the statement said.

He previously published *Postcards From the Boys*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



British musician Ringo Starr. JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# 3 songs for the weekend

Sure, I could offer up some normal music, but why?



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## Get Clucky/A bunch of chickens

Someone so loved Daft Punk's Random Access Memories that they've covered the entire record using chickens. Wait until you get to the chorus.



## Let's Learn/The Moranbong Band

Not to be outdone by the K-Pop coming from their capitalist southern cousins, North Korea offers this state-sanctioned girl group to the proletariat. Must be seen to be believed.



## Reach for the Dead (Reversed) /Boards of Canada

What does it say about this Scottish band's upcoming album Tomorrow's Harvest that fans will listen to it forwards and backwards? And that it sounds good in both directions?

# It's Romeo and Juliet – the record label edition

When Elvis Costello and The Roots teamed up for a new album, they knew their pairing was unlikely and unconventional, so they secretly recorded music without the approval of their record labels.

"Sometimes if you ... get the record company involved, then people have ambition rather than starting to play, so we started to play," Costello said in a recent interview.

"We did it without a label or deadline pressure," said Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson as he sat next to Costello. "This absolutely was a passion project."

They began recording Wise Up Ghost, which will be released Sept. 17, two years ago. It's a moody, 12-track album that features both new songs and others borrowed from Costello's catalogue, including the drum-filled Sugar Won't Work, which samples from You Left Me in the Dark, and the soft and simple Tripwire, which takes from Satellite.

The Roots first collaborated with Costello on NBC's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon.

Elvis Costello poses for a portrait with drummer Ahmir 'Questlove' Thompson of The Roots. DAN HALLMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



lon, where the hip-hop group is the house band. They also worked with the 58-year-old British rocker at a Prince tribute concert in March.

"This is like our dream — that's all I can say," a smiling Questlove said. "This is the first project at Fallon where I'm making my musical dreams come true."

Longtime Roots collaborator Steven Mandel co-produced Wise Up Ghost with Questlove and Costello.

"The thing I like most

of all, the drums are really loud," Costello said. "I'm singing quite close, not having to yell to get it over."

The Roots released a collaborative album with John Legend in 2010. A year later, they released an album with Betty Wright. Questlove says working alongside Costello, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, was scary.

"I was worried in case it didn't work. I knew I'd be the bad guy," he said.

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# IV Play a rude awakening of a different variety for The-Dream

**R&B.** Hip hop's premier songwriter goes from racy to ratchet with his brand new album

LAUREN CARTER  
Metro World News in New York City

The-Dream has always been a sex-obsessed R&B genius, but now he's turned things up a notch. On his new album, IV Play, which drops this week, the singer, songwriter and producer isn't afraid to express his desires.

He says the extra dose of risqué talk and bawdy calls for sex are a reflection of where he's at in his life, and where we're at as a society. For the uninitiated, this is ratchet-infused R&B.

"I'd like to think it's a very vibe-y, adult album," says the man born Terius Nash. "I've been out, I've been in clubs so I know we're in the ratchet era of things. I'm sure there's been a lot of ratchetness on my album because of what's been going through our culture, which is a good thing, by the way. The 'ratchet' word sounds like it's negative, but it's actually more free than most R&B songs could be, than pop could be. 'I don't give a f—,' that's basically what it's saying."

If IV Play embraces more explicit come-ons — and a few more drug references — than



The-Dream says the new project is 'a very vibe-y adult album.' HANDOUT

we're used to, it still boasts the same sound we'd expect from the musical mastermind behind some of the most memorable songs in modern R&B.

The-Dream has crafted megahits for the likes of Beyoncé (Single Ladies, Put a Ring on It), Rihanna (Umbrella) and Justin Bieber (Baby), and racked up multiple Grammy Awards, so it's no surprise that industry heavyweights like Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Pusha T and 2 Chainz ap-

## Just being honest

**"It's like, 'Yo, this is where I am in my life.' I can't make a video or an album for a child that's 16."**

The-Dream, on his new, naughtier approach

pear on IV Play, which rounds out a handful of edgier tracks with sweet serenades and dark, introspective numbers.

The wave of ratchet hip-hop may not be the most sur-

prising influence on IV Play, though. You might also hear some classical music making its way into the compositions. The-Dream says it's his favourite genre.

"When those brass horns come in, there's drama tied to that. When the flutes come in, there's some type of majestic feeling that comes over you," he says of the classical compositions he's often listening to. "You're just listening. There's no judgment. It's not 'Yeah, well he sucks, so I'm not listening to whatever his record is or whether he did a magical thing or not or whether that song makes

## Forthcoming collaborations

### Love vs. money

In addition to finishing up his fifth album (with the title, you'd think IV Play was his fourth) and preparing for the Lights Out tour with Kelly Rowland, The-Dream is collaborating with Kanye West, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. He remains tight-lipped about what those forthcoming collaborations entail.

"I've probably done the least on Kanye's, because he's like a machine like I am and just timing-wise, but I can say I've definitely done a lot of work with Bey and Jay," he says. "It's definitely multiple songs."

sense."

The-Dream says American culture pays more attention to fashion choices and rumours than the most important factor concerning an artist — the music.

"All those genius (composers) were probably kind of crazy themselves, but what we took from them most was that their music was outstanding and they were great at it," he says. "Period."

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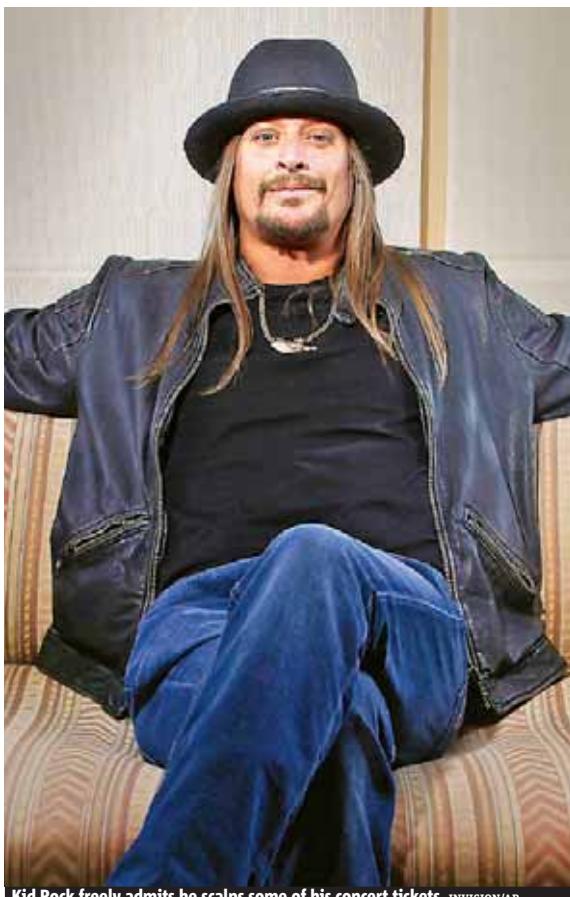
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# Candid Kid Rock admits: 'I'm in the scalping business'

## Not the only one.

Southern rocker says he's being up front as 'a lot of artists' have been doing it for years behind fans' backs

The 42-year-old Grammy winner, who is launching a summer tour where most tickets are priced at \$20, said he's holding about 1,000 tickets from each show and reselling them on ticketsnow.com — owned by Ticketmaster — to make up for the cheaper regular price he's offering.

"I'm in the scalping business, but you know what? We told everyone. A lot of artists have been doing this for years behind fans' backs, taking all these backdoor deals," he said. "We look at StubHub and other places and see what they're selling them for

and we just undercut them."

Kid Rock's \$20 Best Night Ever Tour kicks off June 28 in Bristow, Va., and the Detroit native, who released his debut album in 1990, said he likely scalped secretly on past tours.

"I'm sure we have," he said. "I can't say for sure, but I'm not going to say that we haven't. I wouldn't be surprised if we did."

Kid Rock's discount ticket pricing is leading a change in the tour industry where scalpers' well-established role as a second source for tickets continues to grow. Along with Kid Rock, key acts like The Rolling Stones, Beyoncé, Paul McCartney, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake and Jay-Z have tours this summer, and a number of those tickets are being sold for a much higher price on StubHub and other websites. It's legal, but many artists don't much like it.

"If I see a scalper, I'll scalp

him," the Rolling Stones' Keith Richards said, laughing.

He said he would like to play free shows to balance the high cost for tickets. The Rolling Stones' 50 & Counting Tour has a range of ticket prices, and Pollstar reported that the average price of a ticket among the tour's seven shows was \$355.14.

"I'd do some free shows. I'd work my butt off and I don't care how much. But these are set up above my head, man," Richards said in a recent interview. "You're kind of locked in a thing here whether you like it or not. I wish it was five bucks a ticket."

The Rolling Stones did play a secret show at the Echoplex club in Los Angeles last month, where fans got in by winning a lottery and had to be ID'd and given photo bracelets to eliminate the chance of scalping the tickets, which were just \$20.

But Mick Jagger said there isn't much the artists can do about scalping and secondary sources for tickets.

"The artist is totally powerless in this. People have made a lot of fuss about it before, but on the other side, some people are like, 'We might as well participate in it.' And you can't really blame the artist for participating in it because why shouldn't they in a way?" he said. "I know we don't participate in it, but nevertheless, I don't blame people if they wanted to do it."

"You can look at it like, 'Well, no one's making any money except these secondary ticket selling companies and they're making more money than anyone,'" Jagger continued. "It's completely legal so until it's illegal, there's nothing much anyone can do about that."

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# Urban in dark on Idol future but Fuse keeps his creative fire burning bright

**New album.** Aussie country rocker enjoying the collaborative side of latest offering and so far the reviews are positive

Keith Urban is no different than the rest of us: He has no idea what's going on with American Idol.

"I have no official information of anything," the 45-year-old country singer-guitarist said. "I'm pretty much in the same boat as everybody else here with the rumours that have been floating around. I don't know anything more about what's happening next season. It was like this before I signed on ... so it's not unusual for the Idol folks to be in this place of figuring out what they want to do, then they

always pull it together."

Urban's got plenty to distract him while he waits. The Australian country music star has set a Sept. 10 release date for his new album, *Fuse*, and that means he's got to finish it. Urban thinks he's got a few months of work left to do on the follow-up to 2010's *Get Closer*, but leaves on tour in mid-July and hasn't left himself much of a cushion.

These things usually don't take so long, but Urban is using a new approach with *Fuse*. He is branching out from his longtime partnership with producer Dann Huff. While Huff is still onboard on a handful of songs, Urban signed up Jay Joyce, known best in country music for his work with Eric Church and Little Big Town, and Taylor Swift collaborator Nathan Chapman. He's also enlisted rocker Butch Walker.

Urban went to their stu-

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**"It's just been really creatively liberating for me. I love collaborating."**

Country star Keith Urban  
On making his latest record *Fuse*

dios, used their engineers and players, and tried to expand and infuse his sound with their energy. He released the first single, the Chapman-produced *Little Bit of Everything*, on May 13, and country radio responded positively.

"It's just been really creatively liberating to me," Urban said. "I love collaborating. It's the thing I've always loved doing, whether it's writing or performing or being in the studio, I love the collaborative process. I think finding people's strengths is the thing I love the most."

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Keith Urban's new record is called *Fuse*. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

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# After years of neglect Stranglers can finally tighten grip on the U.S.

**Punk Rock.** Long standing British act returns to the States for the first time in 20 years

**NOLAN GAWRON**  
Metro World News in Boston

While punk rock veterans and astute audiophiles are no strangers to the Stranglers' pedigree, the band feels as though they've never received their due respect in America — to the point they even started ignoring the U.S.

Their new record, *Giants*, was released in the U.S. this week, but it has already been out in Europe for a year. And their North American tour, which starts next week, will be their first in 17 years.

"We didn't consider releasing it in the States until people asked us if they could release it," says bassist/singer/founder JJ Burnel. "We've been offered a few tours, but we didn't feel like it. For once, we've accepted. It's not the be all and end all, you know, but we're very excited to come over to the other side of the pond."

If the Sex Pistols gave a snarling face and attitude to the genre while The Clash and Ramones would go on to define its boundaries of sound, the Stranglers' legacy lies in their longevity and diversity. They preceded the previously mentioned bands, and their music never stopped — it only progressed.

"The term (punk) is interesting because it has meant more for us over the years," notes Burnel. "The first time I heard it used was in 1975, and it was still a bit of a broad church. But the term quickly got ambushed by fundamentalism, and it started to describe a much narrower field than I was able to accept."

"Joe Strummer of The Clash used to come see us regularly when he was still in a rhythm and blues band — and certainly the Pistols were coming to see us before they started their band. I'm not sure if we really subscribed

to their philosophies, but we were slightly ahead of the game, and of that whole generation of bands, we were definitely the first. We just didn't do the big American thing. That wasn't our agenda."

With a career spanning 17 records and closing in on 40 years, perhaps the term "punk" is just too simplistic and vague to describe the band's vast catalogue. Their sound has always been far more complex and diverse than the three-chord, two-minute anthems of their contemporaries. With classics as disparate as the bass-heavy rumble and crass spoken-word, *Peaches*, to their sinister harpsichord waltz, *Golden Brown*, the Stranglers never subscribed to a specific attitude or formulaic sound.

"The Stranglers have always written about the world that we live in. If the world was just a bedroom where I was f—ing, or blingy thingy, it would be appropriate that way," continues Burnel. "But we have a 'world view.' We try to stay informed and have an opinion and try to approach it in terms that people will listen to it. This last album had the best reviews in our history, and last year we played maybe 20 countries. The fact that it's taken all this time for the U.S. to seduce us back is more a reflection on Americans than with us, to be honest. ... It's exciting, and it's been so long now, it's almost like I'm a virgin."

## Q&A with Burnel

### On their legacy...

- What do you think the Stranglers' legacy is and will be?

Well, that's what the French call "nominalism" or "belly-button-ism." It's something that I really don't spend any time thinking about. But it is perhaps something that journalists and commentators will mire over and talk about if we're lucky. But we're still alive and kicking.



Founding member of the Stranglers JJ Burnel. GETTY IMAGE

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# ‘We never know what the halfway point is’

## Smells — and reads — like American Spirit.

The host of The Moth podcast tries his hand at the great American novel

DOROTHY ROBINSON  
Metro World News in New York

Dan Kennedy is known to legions of fans of The Moth as host of their weekly podcast, a medium where truth is held in high regard and fictionalizing is frowned upon.

But after a 2008 memoir (*Rock On: An Office Power Ballad*) Kennedy is making his first foray into fiction. *American Spirit* follows the 40-something Matthew as his life slowly unravels. Kennedy says he could maybe relate to the character — but just maybe.

## Why is the mid-life crisis so fascinating?

I suppose because it really doesn't matter who you are or what you do. When it occurs to you, you may, in the best-case scenario, be halfway done with your life. It tends to grab your attention. I guess we never know what the halfway point is. History is full of people who didn't realize they were middle aged at 14, you know? Have I started the interview on a positive note?

## How was switching from nonfiction and essays to developing a novel?

I hit a point in writing where I just wasn't fond of dragging friends into it for the sake of a laugh. At a certain point you're having a nice weekend with someone and something weird happens and you can see them thinking: "Don't tell me Shakespeare here is gonna throw me into his next little essay."

### A question of character

Is 40-something Matthew based on anyone?



- He's a guy who can't figure out what to do when his job is gone, his marriage is doomed, the money's running out fast, he's drinking in suburban grocery store parking lots, eating hallucinogens and then burning frequent flier miles flying around the world making a bigger mess of things for himself. ... I've, uh, never known anyone like him.

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# No Elvis – this Graceland has hunka hunka burning cops

**New series.** *Rookie Blue* meets *Blue Crush* in Bravo show

First things first: *Graceland* — a breezy summer drama about tanned and toned young cops that premieres June 6 on Bravo — has nothing to do with Elvis Presley's fabled home in Memphis, Tenn.

This *Graceland* is set in Malibu, Calif., in a cool surf pad right on the Pacific Ocean.

Why is it called *Graceland*? The seaside beach house, so the story goes, was once the retreat of a drug lord who was a big fan of the '50s rocker.

The series hails from *White Collar* creator Jeff Eastin, who had the idea to throw a bunch of good looking young cops — some FBI agents, some Drug Enforcement Agents, one working for U.S. Customs — under one fabulous, beachfront roof.

It's a bit like *Rookie Blue*

meets *Blue Crush*.

The U.S. customs agent — keeping an eye on the U.S.-Mexican border — is Canadian. Brandon Jay McLaren is from Vancouver, as is co-star Serinda Swan. Daniel Sunjata (*Rescue Me*) and Broadway star Aaron Tveit (*Catch Me If You Can*) are also in the ensemble.

USA and production studio Fox TV did not scrimp on the set. The DEA den is posh and inviting. Sure there are surf boards and throw rugs but the art on the walls is gallery level. The set also has an impressive kitchen and a beautiful Japanese garden.

Inside the house, "it's very much about the characters, not necessarily the cases so much," says McLaren. His custom agent is a little on the cranky side. Nobody's allowed to touch his side of the fridge, for example. "Jakes is prickly," he admits.

Beyond that tough exterior is a pussycat, however.

"He's tough to get to know, but once you know him, he'll

## Canadians in *Graceland*

- **Serinda Swan.** Before landing her role on *Graceland*, this actress found work on Vancouver-based shows such as *Smallville*, *Psych* and *Bloodties* before landing her first speaking part on *Supernatural*.
- **Brandon Jay McLaren.** He recently starred in *Fallen Skies* and *The Killing*.

the pilot, so that was real helpful as well."

Swan was the last cast member to join the series, surfacing after the pilot was shot.

"I think, by the time my contract was signed, I had 13 hours to get to the set," she says.

The 28-year-old West Vancouver native likes that her drug cop character keeps things light in the house.

"They give her a good sense of humour, but at the same time, she'll kick your ass, which I was like, 'Oh! That sounds like a fun female character to play!'"

Swan's mother was an actress, and she says she's wanted to "play in front of the camera" all her life. After landing a speaking role on *Supernatural*, she was called back to play an evil character named Veritas who was "cutting up people and eating tongues."

"It's actually an amazing transition to come from a one-liner who was 'Hot Nurse' to then actually having a name," says Swan. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Kim Jong-un's arrival a VICE surprise for HBO

**Basketball documentary.** Odd North Korean leader stunned film team by turning up at a game before dining with the Harlem Globetrotters

The documentary crew that accompanied Dennis Rodman to North Korea over the winter says it had no idea it would meet the reclusive country's young leader, Kim Jong-un, until he showed up at a basketball game it was filming.

The media company VICE arranged the trip and invited Rodman after its first choice, Michael Jordan, expressed no interest. A 30-minute documentary on the unexpected piece of basketball diplomacy will air on June 14 on HBO as the final episode of VICE's first season, and was previewed for some reporters on Wednesday.

The North Korean leader loves basketball so much that he overlooked the government's antipathy for VICE founder Shane Smith, who had made two critical documentaries on North Korea, and invited the crew in. Smith wasn't allowed back but VICE's Ryan Duffy accompanied Rodman and three members of the Har-

lem Globetrotters travelling basketball troupe.

"We just wanted to make a good documentary," Smith said in an interview. "We didn't do it as a stunt." Duffy quickly learned his place: One of the first things one of his "tour guides" told him was, "I know who you are. I don't like you and I don't like your company," he said Wednesday. The crew was told when it could turn on its cameras and when they had to be off, and feared landing in a North Korean prison if it didn't comply, he said.

The North Koreans did not go through the footage shot by the crew, however. Some 36 hours of film was cut down into the half-hour HBO show, and some may surface later as online extras.

The crew went through an elaborate week-long organized tour of North Korea's capital of Pyongyang, visiting a well-stocked mall with no other customers and the country's version of Sea World. At one point, it was shown a classroom with students sitting behind computers, but only one person either knew how or was allowed to use one of the machines. One student sat before Google's home page and never searched for anything, just moving the cursor back and forth randomly.



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un with Dennis Rodman. AP/VICE.CAM

## Strange welcome

**"I know who you are. I don't like you and I don't like your company."**

What was said to VICE's Ryan Duffy by one an obligatory North Korean 'tour guide'

The tour was taken in the hopes of catching one or two glimpses of the real North Korean people, which the group

finally achieved toward the end when its minders let the bus stop at a park and the Globetrotters played around with some of the kids, helping them learn to spin a basketball on their finger.

Duffy said the group was surprised when Kim arrived to watch what was essentially a pickup basketball game with the Globetrotters and some members of a North Korean

youth team. Rodman didn't play; he sat in the stands watching with Kim. After the game, the VICE crew and players were rushed across Pyongyang unexpectedly for a dinner with Kim and other members of the North Korean government.

VICE says it hasn't spoken to anyone in the Obama administration about the trip. During the trip, the admin-

istration had refrained from commenting about it.

HBO and VICE have not agreed to continue its series of news documentaries beyond this season, but the arrangement is likely. HBO said the show gets solid ratings, while VICE said the network gives VICE valuable exposure beyond the young audience that traditionally follows its product. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Is E.T. really out there and would he/she be as cuddly and warm in real life or the opposite? Top scientific minds give their opinions. AP/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

# Little green men go under the microscope

**Aliens: The Definitive Guide.** New show asks the finest scientific minds what they believe about E.T.s and U.F.O.s

Maybe those science-fiction scenarios about killer robots from space invading the Earth aren't so far-fetched after all.

Aliens bearing little resemblance to Steven Spielberg's cuddly E.T. might actually eye Earth for its potential slaves and to plunder its natural resources, say scientists interviewed in *Aliens: The Definitive Guide*, a new documentary being broadcast Sunday on Discovery Canada.

In short, they might be a lot like humans were when they explored new lands. But don't go running for the shelters just yet. Even if aliens are headed for us now, space travel can take thousands of years using currently known technology, which probably rules out the

possibility of any malevolent E.T.s touching down during our lifetime, anyway.

Producer Alan Handel says aliens are a "never-ending preoccupation" for people, so making the documentary was a no-brainer. He says surveys indicate that many Canadians believe extra-terrestrials exist and may already have dropped in. "I just think it's a really neat concept to say, 'OK, let's take it seriously and go to some of the best scientific minds in the world and ask their opinion.'"

However, *Aliens: The Definitive Guide* isn't a tale of extra-terrestrial terror and instead entertainingly poses an exhaustive list of questions about who may be beyond the stars.

What planets might have life? How might its inhabitants get here? What would they look like? And what are their possible intentions?

These are some of the queries pondered in the two-hour film by Montreal's Handel Productions and U.K.-based Arrow Media. A theoretical physicist at City University of New York

Chances are...

**"The Hubble space telescope can see about 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe."**

Michio Kaku, American theoretical physicist.

scoffs at anyone who tries to suggest we're the only life forms in the universe.

"Gimme a break," Michio Kaku (American theoretical physicist) says in the documentary. "I mean, how many stars are out there in the universe anyway? The Hubble Space Telescope can see about a 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe," he says. "Each galaxy consists of 100 billion stars. Do the math."

All the scientists agreed that any alien who touched down on Earth would be pretty advanced scientifically. It's not the first time Handel has tackled a subject that would be considered more in the realm of sensa-

tional supermarket tabloids. Their last definitive guide documentary was on Bigfoot and the next one in the works looks at time travel.

Handel describes himself as a "professional skeptic" when it comes to extra-terrestrial life and UFOs. He says he was surprised by the number of planets that might support life in some form and the extent of the likelihood that alien life could visit Earth. "It was really surprising to me. I had no idea. I think it's a program that's full of surprises and revelations."

He noted that science fiction can often cross the line into science fact, and pointed to one of his other previous films, *How William Shatner Changed The World*. That documentary discussed how some technology in the old Star Trek TV shows and movies had actually become real. "It's interesting to do a kind of reality check on science fiction and see how far away we are from that vision being real, or real down the road."

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## Star-studded summer. FX chief reveals hot new season schedule

New series from Billy Crystal, Diane Kruger and horror master Guillermo del Toro are among the star-studded projects bound for FX Canada.

The channel's summer lineup will be anchored by Kruger's crime drama *The Bridge*, also starring DemiDan Bichir. Premiering July 10, it centres on two detectives — one from the United States and one from Mexico — who must work together to hunt down a serial killer operating on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border.

The vampire thriller *The Strain*, from del Toro, is expected to shoot its pilot in Toronto this summer. It features Corey Stoll (*House of Cards*) as a disease specialist in New York City who is called on to investigate a strange viral outbreak.

Oscar-winner Charlie Kaufman (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *Being John Malkovich*) is behind the comedy *How and Why*, which centres on a man who can explain how and why a nuclear reactor works, but is clueless about life. Meanwhile, Crystal writes and stars in *The Comedians*, a 30-minute, single-camera comedy about a superstar veteran comedian who is reluctantly paired with a younger, edgier comic for a late-night sketch show.

FX Networks boss John Landgraf said the increasingly tough movie marketplace is driving a lot of big Hollywood talent to small screen projects, where premium cable fare is seen as dynamic, exciting and original.

"The loss in some ways of the theatrical feature business is the gain of television," he said.

Examples include the limited-run series *Fargo*, slated for spring 2014. The 10-episode venture is based on the Coen brothers' Oscar-winning crime drama and will centre on a new crime and new characters. The Coens will executive produce.

Also in development is *Grand Hotel*, about an international luxury hotel in Paris that becomes the centre of a terrorist attack; movie star Paul Giamatti executive produces *Mayflower*, which is billed as "an unflinching portrait of the Puritan settlers" and their uneasy alliance with the local Native Americans; and film writer/director Alexander Payne executive produces *Sutton*, about bank robber Willie (The Actor) Sutton.

Returning shows this



Guillermo del Toro. GETTY IMAGE

### TV now as big as movies?

**"The loss in some ways of the theatrical feature business is the gain of television."**

John Landgraf on how the industry is changing

fall include a New-Orleans-set *American Horror Story* — titled *Coven* and starring Kathy Bates and series regular Jessica Lange; season four of the biker drama *Sons of Anarchy* and season five of the fantasy football comedy *The League*. Also back will be season two of the espionage drama, *The Americans*.

Landgraf says future plans include a *Canuck* TV schedule that more closely matches FX in the United States. The comedy *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* joins the roster July 4 with season eight. That will be quickly followed by season nine this fall when FX Canada becomes the show's exclusive Canadian broadcaster.

Canada will also get a whole new younger-skewing companion channel next January. It'll be the home-grown counterpart to FXX, slated to begin south of the border in September.

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### FX summer highlights

- **The Strain.** Guillermo del Toro directs
- **The Bridge.** Starring Diane Kruger
- **The Comedians.** Starring and written by Billy Crystal
- **How and Why.** Written by Charlie Kaufman



Liam Hemsworth. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

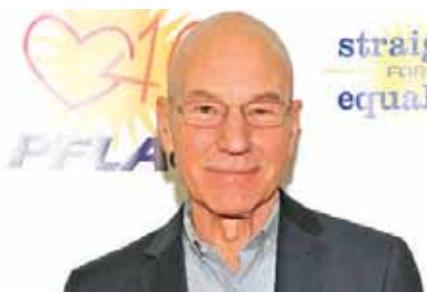
## Hemsworth's bros pushed for breakup

After weeks of breakup rumours, Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth have reportedly called it quits, according to Us Weekly.

"They are definitely over," a source says.

The split was apparently precipitated by Hemsworth's older brothers, Chris and Luke, staging an intervention about his love life in April.

Cyrus and Hemsworth have been engaged since July.



Patrick Stewart

## Slice of pizza? Make it so

If Patrick Stewart's Twitter account is to be believed, the X-Men star has never had a slice of pizza — until now. Stewart posted a photo of himself indulging in some of New York's finest, along with the caption, "My first ever pizza 'slice.' Please note the authentic NY fold."

It is curious, of course, that he put slice in quotes. A followup tweet by Stewart to offer clarification actually didn't offer much clarification.

"To clarify," he wrote, "I've never had a 'slice.'"

Well, the important thing is he has now.

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### Settle down Twihards — Rob and Katy just friends

Robert Pattinson has been leaning a lot on pal Katy Perry in the wake of his split from Kristen Stewart — so much so that it's beginning to turn heads.

But sources insist to E! News that their pairing is strictly platonic.

"Nothing is going on be-

tween Rob and Katy. They are just super-good friends. There is nothing romantic about it," a source says.

"Rob and Katy are just very similar people and she adores him, as a friend, and she just wants to be there for him as a mate."

As for Pattinson's relationship coming to an end, the Twilight star is reportedly taking it in stride.

"Rob is doing fine since the breakup," the source adds.

"He is not particularly cut up about it or anything. He is doing just fine."



David Beckham

## Grill it like Beckham

With his days playing soccer behind him, David Beckham is clearly on the lookout for new ways to spend his time.

One way, as it turns out, is teaming with pal Gordon Ramsay to open a sports bar and grill in the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, according to the Sun.

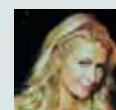
"The Strip has never seen such fierce competition for food, but Gordon's places are full seven nights a week," a

source tells the newspaper.

"When you add David Beckham's global status into the mix it has the potential to be the most talked about restaurant in Vegas."

But not so fast, everybody. Beckham's rep insists that the rumours of the Vegas joint venture are completely unfounded, though they are opening a London restaurant, Union Street Cafe, in September.

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- 1-oz piece caramel-filled chocolate
- 2 pieces sesame crisp bread

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Carefully put it and caramel-filled chocolate between crisp bread, using top piece to clamp the marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish crisps together, let cool slightly and enjoy.

## Salted Oatmeal

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece sea salted dark chocolate
- 1 square soft caramel, flattened with your palms
- 2 oatmeal cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer and place it, chocolate and caramel between cookies, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place. Squish cookies together, let cool slightly and enjoy.

## Double Choco Grasshopper

- 1 marshmallow
- 2 mint-filled chocolates
- 2 chocolate graham crackers

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolates between graham crackers, using the top cracker to help remove marshmallow from skewer. Squish crackers together, let cool slightly and enjoy.

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### Grown-up apple juice



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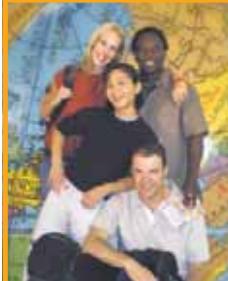
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Dotting the entire city and surrounding areas, farmers' markets like those in the southwest and at Callingwood are part social outing, a place to chat with neighbours over coffee, and part shopping, a fruit or meat

sample here, lunch from a specialty food vendor there.

Called our city's oldest, the city market downtown on 104 Street mixes an urban vibe with a home-grown, farm-fresh appeal. As an Alberta Agriculture-approved market, the Sunny Girl logo welcomes nearly 20,000 shoppers every Saturday from May through to October. Local buskers add ambience to the busy scene of approximately 180 vendors serving a loyal customer base.

"It doesn't matter the weather — customers come out every week to shop from their favourite vendors,"



The Old Strathcona Farmers' Market is a Saturday tradition for thousands of Edmontonians to pick up items from some 130 vendors. CONTRIBUTED

said Dan Young, chair of the Downtown Farmers' Market Association. "And the vendors are like family to each other, sharing good market days and bad weather days."

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The Old Strathcona Farmers' Market (OSFM) is a well-established Saturday tradition for thousands of Edmontonians who make their way through the year-round indoor market to pick up fresh produce, specialty foods and handmade arts and crafts from some 130 vendors.

"Our market provides the freshest foods at the height of their season," said Stephanie Szakacs, executive director of the OSFM. "People love to shop here for the community atmosphere, the healthy food choices and the fact that they get to meet the person who grew their food or made their craft with their own hands."

For the past three years, the South Common Farmers' Market has been serving the city's south end with a bustling Saturday and Sunday market. Up to 60 vendors have customers lining up for kettle corn, fresh meats, or sweet and flavourful carrots, "the best by far," according to market manager Brian Dahl.

"There's a relaxed feel to our market — there's tons of parking and people don't have to fight the downtown crowds and traffic," Dahl said. "The community supports our vendors and vendors support the community. Farmers' markets are special that way."

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# The pick of the season

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Have you ever had super-crisp, fresh asparagus — “picked-this-morning” fresh?

Savvy market-goers know to buy at the height of the season for the freshest produce. In late May, it's asparagus, but local growers will continue to flood the many local farmers' markets with their bounty as it comes in season — it's the No. 1 item buyers are after when visiting the vendor stalls at the city's charming indoor and outdoor markets.

The Callingwood Farmers' Market, for example, operates by an 80/20 rule, which says 80 per cent of the 100-plus vendors must make, bake or grow what they sell, so you know you are going to find mushrooms, green onions, lettuce and spinach in season through June, plus bedding plants for gardeners.

While the market at Callingwood is largely sheltered by a covered courtyard, crops are entirely weather dependent. Dieter Kuhlmann, owner of Kuhlmann's Market Garden and Greenhouses, sells farm-fresh produce at three farmers' markets in town and says a lack of rain or sun at the start of the season could mean produce that comes late to market.

“Buyers want those new baby potatoes and peas — we hope to have those before July,” said Kuhlmann, who has grown produce north of Edmonton for more than 50 years. “People today are very

conscious about what they eat. They want locally-grown fruits and vegetables that are disease-free. They expect that from a farmers' market.”

Recent reports on the 130 approved farmers' markets in Alberta show that some 75 per cent of households have bought from markets in 2012, spending an average of \$671 per home.

“People will wait in line to get those sweet carrots,” said Brian Dahl of the South Common farmers' market. “They want to support a holistic way of farming and meet the grower. There's really an overwhelming response from consumers — it's how they want to shop.”



Consumers choose farmers' markets for locally-grown fruits and vegetables.  
LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

## Peak picks

- During the peak of summer, shoppers at farmers' markets are after strawberries, green and wax beans, bunched beets and carrots, peppers and tomatoes.

The maturing summer will bring B.C. fruits, too — apricots, peaches and raspberries.

- In the waning weeks of

the market in September and October, buyers pick up kale, cabbage, bags of carrots, potatoes and onions, plus apples, zucchini and pumpkins.

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# Good nutrition for man's best friend

**Healthy diet.** Select high-quality, reputable commercial food for your canine companion

MICHELLE WILLIAMS  
For Metro

It's difficult watching your dog woefully begging for a few of your table scraps. While it might be tempting to scrape your plate into Fido's bowl, is it really a good idea?

"Dogs have distinct nutritional needs, different from humans," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and a veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition. "Studies show that after two or three months of eating food that is not specifically prepared or formulated for dogs, they become nutrient deficient."

In order to ensure your dog enjoys a healthy diet, here are a few things you should be considering when feeding your canine companion.

**Feed your dog a balanced diet.** All-meat diets, table



Select a diet specific to your pet's needs to ensure it lives a healthy life. DEKLOFENAK/VEER

scraps or dog foods that are not optimally formulated to meet a dog's nutritional needs are not the best choices. "Select a high-quality, reputable,

commercial food for your dog," Curtin said. "They're formulated to ensure your dog receives all the valuable nutrients he can absorb."

**Hard and soft foods are both good for your pet.** According to Curtin, "both are good, and if your dog learns to eat both then neither will be strange

or foreign." Some dog owners worry that canned food isn't good for their dog's teeth, but Curtin says otherwise. "Canned food doesn't cause



Feed your dog at specific feeding times, don't just leave food down all the time. ANDRESR/VEER

## How much is too much?

"If dog food is formulated by a reputable company, you can follow the guidelines on the packaging," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. "Dog food companies have done feeding trials to ensure they know how much you should be giving your dog."

However, consider such things as your dog's age and lifestyle — if your pet is sedentary or older it may not need as much food.

MICHELLE WILLIAMS

dental disease any more than kibble. If you're looking for a food that helps the teeth, there are diets specifically formulated to clean them."

**Select a diet specific to your pet's needs.** Pick a formulation that works best for your dog's needs. "Work with your veterinarian to determine the best formulation for your dog based on his specific age, breed and health concerns," Curtin said.

## Feeding time. Don't let Rover go overboard

Feeding your dog should be simple, so here are some easy ways you can optimize your pet's diet and lifestyle.

**1** Don't leave the food down all the time. Just feed your dog at their specific feeding time. "Dogs won't self-regulate, which means they can end up eating too much and becoming obese," said Dr. Donna Curtin, an Ontario Veterinary Medical Association board member and veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition.

**2** Keep the water bowl clean. It's vital that your dog always has a ready supply of clean water. Be sure to top it up after your dog has been active or spent time outside in the summer heat. "This is especially true for little dogs, because it dilutes their urine and makes them less prone to urinary crystals, which form together to make bladder

### Maintaining a healthy weight

You want to be sure your dog maintains a healthy weight — that means "you should be able to see your dog's 'waist' and you should easily be able to feel her ribs," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. If not, you may reconsider what you feed your dog and how much you are feeding it. Don't forget that if your dog has weight challenges, it's also important to add more exercise to its routine.

stones," Curtin said.

**3** Watch the treats. "Dog treats are formulated to be given to your pet occasionally, so limit treats to once or twice daily," Curtin said. Filling up on treats may make your dog lose interest in its meals, so consider a game of fetch, a belly rub or a cuddle — your dog will love that just as much.

**4** Get healthy together. Walk your dog at least

once a day to keep your pet's heart, bones and muscles healthy and to help maintain a healthy weight. Just letting your dog out in the backyard won't ensure it gets the exercise it needs. Get out and walk, throw a ball or play a game of soccer together. "It's great pet bonding time, too," Curtin said. And keeping your dog active means you are exercising, too, which benefits you both. MICHELLE WILLIAMS

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# Low-scoring Kings in rush to help Quick

**NHL playoffs.** Could be a speedy exit for L.A. if high-flying Chicago solves red-hot goalie

After a rare day off for rest and contemplation, the Los Angeles Kings came back focused on what's missing from their run at a second straight Stanley Cup title.

If the Kings can't score more, they probably can't scare mighty Chicago.

"We have to find a way to get the offensive part of the game accomplished without sacrificing the D," captain Dustin Brown said Thursday between the Kings' brief practice and their flight to Chicago. "We haven't been able to do that yet, especially on the road. There's no one reason, but it all comes back to hard work."

The defending champs are averaging exactly two goals per game in the post-season, lowest among the eight NHL teams who survived the first round. The Blackhawks are scoring 2.75 goals per game, while Pittsburgh and Boston are both above three goals per game.

The Kings realize they've got to help out Jonathan Quick, whose dominant goal-



Kings goalie Jonathan Quick leads the playoffs in goals-against average (1.50), save percentage (.948) and shutouts (three). MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tending propelled them — or maybe carried them — into their second straight Western Conference finals appearance starting Saturday at United Center.

Quick has allowed just 20 goals in 13 post-season

games, but the Conn Smythe Trophy winner and his sturdy defence haven't faced an offence with the Blackhawks' speed and depth. Quick realizes the Kings must do more to reach their second straight cup final.

"We've all got to get a lot better," Quick said. "We know we've got some work to do to beat those guys, because they had the best record in the regular season. They're as tough as anybody out there."

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## Blackhawks (1) vs. Kings (5)



Season series: Chicago 2-1. Playoff history: Chicago 1-0. Last meeting: Chicago 4-1 in 1974 quarter-finals.

How they got here: Chicago defeated No. 8 Minnesota 4-1; defeated No.

7 Detroit Red Wings 4-3. Los Angeles defeated No. 4 St. Louis 4-2; defeated No. 6 San Jose Sharks 4-3.

Outlook: The Kings needed 44 seasons to win the cup for the first time. It will take more than one to claim their second. Chicago regained momentum in its comeback vs. Detroit. Another trip to the final is theirs for the taking. Blackhawks in 7.

Game 1: Saturday, 3 p.m. (TSN).

## Penguins (1) vs. Bruins (4)



Season series: Pittsburgh 3-0. Playoff history: Series tied 2-2. Last meeting: Pittsburgh 4-0 in 1992 Wales Conference finals.

How they got here: Pittsburgh defeated No. 8 New

York Islanders 4-2; defeated No. 7 Ottawa Senators 4-1. Boston defeated No. 5 Toronto 4-3; defeated No. 6 New York Rangers 4-1.

Outlook: The Pens earned the top seed in the East for a reason. Although the Bruins are playing well, and it should be close, Pittsburgh has enough weapons to advance to the Stanley Cup final. Penguins in 7.

Game 1: Saturday, 6 p.m. (CBC).

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## 2014 Olympics

**Billions in Sochi money stolen by officials: Critic**

Russian officials and businessmen have stolen billions of dollars during the years of preparations for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, a prominent Russian opposition figure claimed Thursday.

Boris Nemtsov, a former Russian deputy prime minister turned Kremlin critic, and an associate said in a report released Thursday that up to \$30 billion US was stolen in the run-up to the games in the southern Russian city.

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## Tennis

**Former French Open champ upset in 2nd round**

Interrupted by a rain delay, 2011 French Open champion Li Na lost to American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in the second round at Roland Garros on Thursday.



Bethanie Mattek-Sands  
GETTY IMAGES

Following the second delay of the match, Mattek-Sands won seven consecutive games to take a 5-love lead in the final set. She served out the victory with the sun shining and rain falling.

Li was seeded sixth. Since winning her lone major title, she has lost in the first or second round at four of the eight Grand Slams.

Mattek-Sands, ranked 67th, matched her best showing at Roland Garros. She failed to qualify for the Australian Open in January and arrived in Paris with a 10-8 record this year.

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# Heat turned up in third quarter en route to win

**NBA playoffs.** Pacers will stare down elimination at home on Saturday night

There will be no win-or-else Game 6 in the Eastern Conference finals for the Miami Heat this season. LeBron James saw to that, and now the reigning champions are one victory from a third straight trip to the NBA finals.

James finished with 30 points, eight rebounds and six assists, Udonis Haslem made his last eight shots on the way to a 16-point night, and the Heat used a dominant third quarter to turn things around and beat the Indiana Pacers 90-



The Heat's Chris Andersen and the Pacers' Tyler Hansbrough faceoff in an argument following a foul in Miami. GETTY IMAGES

79 in Game 5 on Thursday.

Mario Chalmers scored 12 points and Dwyane Wade add-

ed 10 for the Heat, who lead the series 3-2 and will look to close it out at Indiana on Saturday night. The Heat ousted the Pacers in six games in a second-round matchup last season.

Paul George had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who got 22 points from Roy Hibbert and 17 from David West. The Pacers led by as many as seven at one point, but had no answer for the Heat in the third, getting outscored 30-13 in the period, including 21-6 in the final seven minutes.

James and Haslem combined for 26 points in the third, and were simply too much. The finals — and a date with San Antonio — are now one win away.

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## NHL PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### PITTSBURGH (1) VS. BOSTON (4)

Saturday's game

Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Monday's game

Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's game

Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.

Friday's game

Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.

Sunday's game

x-Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's game

x-Pittsburgh at Boston, TBD

Wednesday's game

x-Boston at Pittsburgh, TBD

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### CHICAGO (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)

Saturday's game

Los Angeles at Chicago, 5 p.m.

Sunday's game

Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's game

Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Thursday's game

Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Saturday's game

x-Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Monday's game

x-Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's game

x-Los Angeles at Chicago, TBD

x — played only if necessary.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)

(Series tied 2-2)

Thursday's result

Indiana at Miami

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### SAN ANTONIO (2) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio wins 4-0)

## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	22	.593	—
New York	30	23	.566	1½
Baltimore	30	24	.556	2
Tampa Bay	28	24	.538	3
Toronto	23	31	.426	9

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	22	.569	—
Cleveland	29	24	.547	1
Chicago	24	27	.471	5
Minnesota	22	28	.440	6½
Kansas City	21	29	.420	7½

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	20	.623	—
Oakland	31	24	.564	3
Los Angeles	24	29	.453	9
Seattle	23	31	.426	10½
Houston	16	37	.302	17

#### Thursday's results

Texas 9 Arizona 5

Baltimore 2 Washington 0

N.Y. Mets 3 N.Y. Yankees 1

Cleveland 7 Cincinnati 1

Milwaukee at Minnesota

L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels

Wednesday's results

Baltimore 9 Washington 6

N.Y. Mets 9 N.Y. Yankees 4

Cleveland 5 Cincinnati 2

Arizona at Texas, postponed

Minnesota 4 Milwaukee 1

L.A. Angels 4 L.A. Dodgers 3

Friday's games

All times Eastern

Detroit (Scherzer 7-0) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Moore 8-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Lester 6-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-4), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Davis 3-4) at Texas (Holland 4-2), 8:05 p.m.

Seattle (Iwakuma 5-1) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-5), 8:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 3-3) at Oakland (Colon 5-2), 10:05 p.m.

Houston (Keuchel 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	32	21	.604	—
Washington	27	27	.500	5½
Philadelphia	26	27	.491	6
New York	22	29	.431	9
Miami	13	40	.245	19

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	35	17	.673	—
Pittsburgh	33	20	.623	2½
Cincinnati	33	21	.611	3
Chicago	22	30	.423	13
Milwaukee	19	32	.373	15½

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	30	23	.566	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	1½
Colorado	28	25	.528	2
San Diego	24	29	.453	6
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	7

#### Thursday's results

Chicago Cubs 8 Chicago White Sox 3

Seattle 7 San Diego 1

San Francisco 5 Oakland 2

Atlanta 11 Toronto 3

Boston at Philadelphia

Detroit at Pittsburgh

Tampa Bay at Miami

Kansas City at St. Louis

Houston at Colorado

Wednesday's results

Chicago Cubs 9 Chicago White Sox 3

Philadelphia 4 Boston 3

Pittsburgh 5 Detroit 3

Toronto 3 Atlanta 0

Tampa Bay 3 Miami 1

St. Louis 5 Kansas City 3

Houston 6 Colorado 3

San Diego 3 Seattle 2 (10)

Oakland 9 San Francisco 6

Friday's games — All times Eastern

Arizona (Miley 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.

Milwaukee (Galarraga 3-5) at Philadelphia (Hamel 1-8), 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Cueto 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Rodriguez 6-2), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Marcum 0-5) at Miami (Turner 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

Washington (Strasburg 3-5) at Atlanta (Tehheran 3-1), 7:30 p.m.

San Francisco ( Cain 4-2) at St. Louis (Miller 5-3), 8:15 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Colorado (Garland 3-6), 8:40 p.m.

Toronto (Jenkins 1-0) at San Diego (Marquis 6-2), 10:10 p.m.

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## Horoscopes

## Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will be in a social mood today and you are advised to get whatever obligations you have out of the way quickly so you can focus on more interesting things — and people. Friends are fun, and so are you.

## Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It may feel as if your life is in limbo but don't worry about it. You will soon be moving in the right direction. The road may at times be tough but you're tough enough to walk it.

## Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you let people know what it is you are planning, you make it easier for them to compete with you, so keep it to yourself for the time being. Knowledge is power and power is not something you just give away.

## Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you focus on negative thoughts then, inevitably, you will get negative results. As Mars moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today, you must be positive in every possible way.

## Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are in an aggressive mood and it's likely that someone you encounter today will bring out the worst in you. Try to remember though that not everyone is your enemy.

## Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As Mars moves into the career area of your chart today, you may find yourself looking over your shoulder more often than you should. "Enemies" cannot do anything to hurt you.

## Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

No matter how many little things may have gone wrong, big things are still going well and will continue to move in your favour. The world is a wonderful place — and getting better by the minute.

## Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Focus on the good things in life. According to the planets, you can't do a thing wrong at the moment — and even if you do, Mercury will help you talk your way out of it.

## Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Your luck seems to be in at the moment and you would not be human if you did not take advantage of it. Don't listen to those who say it is immoral to succeed while others fail.

## Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Look at the world and see what a wonderful place it is. With a little bit of optimism, you can achieve some extraordinary things. What might you achieve with a lot?

## Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Find ways to combine words and actions. With Mars, planet of energy, moving in your favour there is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. And there's the only problem: you seem distracted.

## Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone gives you a tough time today, you must take them on. If you let them get away with saying untrue things, they will take it as a sign of weakness. Stand up for yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

## Across

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1. Chatters  
5. "Ah, me."  
9. Bedding linen  
14. Rush, office-style  
15. Do some road-work  
16. Mr. Pig  
17. Fodder holder  
18. Ransack  
19. Boring tool  
20. The Rachel, in the 1990s, for one  
22. Alberta's provincial flower: 2 wds.  
24. Office fill-in worker  
26. Scottish negative  
27. Cave's ceiling clinger  
30. "Want to make \_\_\_?"  
32. \_\_\_ and bass (Stereo knobs)  
37. Like the potatoes in the pot  
39. Scooby's sniffer  
41. Alex Rodriguez, to baseball fans  
42. k.d. lang hit: 2 wds.  
45. Cooking show appliance  
46. Swerve  
47. Slim spot to sit on  
48. Get comfy  
50. Shania Twain's ex-hubby Mr. Lange  
52. R's spelled-out follower  
53. Ceramics, for example  
55. Bar beverage  
57. Ontario hometown of The Tragically Hip  
62. Typos

66. "Chasing Pavements" songstress  
67. Charlize Theron movie, "\_\_\_ Flux" (2005)  
69. Exuberance  
70. Happen again  
71. Beach volleyball surface  
72. Birthday dessert  
73. The Great \_\_\_  
74. Cafeteria carrier

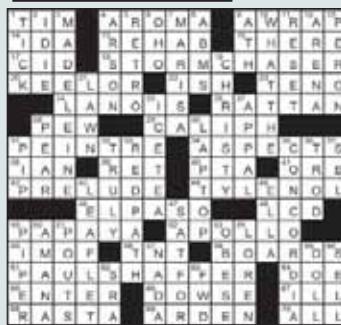
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2. "Heat of the Moment" band  
3. Island of Indonesia  
4. Football, for example  
5. Poise  
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7. Profess

8. \_\_\_ stone (Cannot be changed): 2 wds.  
9. "Boston Legal" actor James  
10. "This \_\_\_ Has 22 Minutes" on CBC  
11. Thus  
12. \_\_\_ out a living  
13. Ancient port of Lebanon  
21. Gave out

23. Afterwards  
25. Short-tubed pasta  
27. John Candy comedy, "Canadian \_\_\_" (1995)  
28. Over  
29. Hues  
31. \_\_\_ pole  
33. Roof part  
34. Wedding gown wearer  
35. Years  
36. Boundaries  
38. "\_\_\_ She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder  
40. Surgeon's pre-surgery cleanse  
43. Deflect  
44. Vary  
49. Cosmetic surgery tools  
51. Like followers of fads  
54. Wedding reception salute  
56. Sunken ship  
57. Communist, \_\_\_ Marx  
58. Brain wave  
59. Spot for some jewelry  
60. Sticky stuff  
61. By  
63. The \_\_\_ Parsons Project  
64. \_\_\_ 1, as per movie scene filming  
65. From the start again  
68. "\_\_\_ Carousel" by The Hollies

7		1		3
3		6	1	5
8	4	9		
5			3	
1	8		5	2
6			4	
	2	1	7	
1	2	9		8
9		4		1

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	8	3	5	9	4	2	7
4	5	9	7	2	6	3	1	8
7	2	3	4	1	8	9	6	5
2	7	5	9	8	1	6	3	4
3	9	6	5	7	4	2	8	1
8	4	1	2	6	3	7	5	9
6	1	7	8	9	2	5	4	3
9	8	4	6	3	5	1	7	2
5	3	2	1	4	7	8	9	6

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consistently lives the spirit of the Japanese term 'kaizen.'

"The term means 'continuous improvement,' and the team has bought into that philosophy wholeheartedly," says Kirkland. "They're always watching out for opportunities to improve — they're really a phenomenal group."

The Pursuit of Excellence Award combines results from every aspect of a Lexus dealership's performance, from parts to service to pre-owned and new car sales — both the actual sales numbers and a variety of customer satisfaction index results.

The level of the nation-wide competition goes up every year, with new stores opening and established stores working to improve upon the previous year's standings. Lexus of Edmonton has

done its own renovations to make its bright, welcoming facility even more comfortable for guests.

"There has been a major expansion in the showroom area — it's the first in Canada that's not square," said Kirkland. "A baby grand piano now creates an interesting focal point and a new feel to the main floor. People really seem to love it."

At the same time, a new VIP lounge was created, providing guests another area in which to relax, enjoy a specialty coffee, get some work done or simply experience the chairs with special massage features.

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"That's a great motivator for us, and we really are proud of that reputation," says Kirkland, who notes that many on staff today have been with Lexus of Edmonton since day one.

"There are other stores out there with beautiful showrooms and lovely exteriors, but it's what's inside the building that counts. Our staff is our real strength — they deserve all the credit for doing the work, and doing it so consistently and so well."

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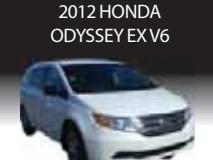


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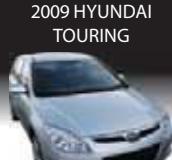
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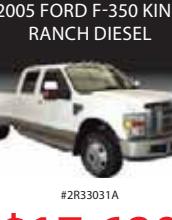
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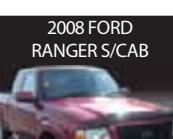


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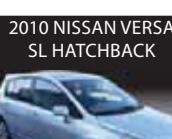
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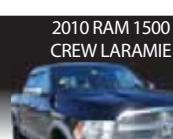
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